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Solberg named GM of Bay Mills Resort & Casinos

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — On Monday, Jan. 9, Bay Mills Indian Community’s Executive Council relieved Bay Mills Resort & Casinos General Manager Rod Jones of his duties. That same day the council offered the position to BMIC tribal member Mark Solberg, who had been working as assistant general manager. Solberg accepted the position immediately.

Jones originally came from the Reno-Las Vegas area and was brought to BMRC more than 10 years ago. The ultimate goal of his hiring was no secret — he was brought on board to train a tribal member to take his place as general manager in the future. Solberg began working with Jones shortly after he was hired. Jones knew one day he

would likely see Solberg fill his shoes.

“The Executive Council acknowledges the work and expertise Rod Jones has brought to our gaming enterprises,” said Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “Approximately 60 percent of our employees are non-tribal members, like Rod, and they are vital to our success. We are lucky to have such great employees.”

As a result of his promotion, Solberg’s previous position as assistant general manager has been eliminated, which saves BMRC the cost of an additional salary. Solberg will be taking on new duties as well as his previous responsibilities.

Solberg, who began in tribal government in 1988, previously managed Kings Club Casino. He moved over to the resort when it was in the planning stages and has been part

of its management team since the doors were first opened.

“We look forward to working with Mark. He is the right man for the job,” said Perron. “He is a great manager and is well respected by his fellow employees. He has great ideas about the direction we can go to make our casino a more financially successful business.”

Solberg is thankful for the community support and the opportunity provided to him by the Executive Council.

“I’ve been here a long, long time and have seen both our operations and people grow. Our greatest strength has always been our employees,” he said. “We have so many friendly and dedicated staff that it makes my new job so much easier. I look forward to our continued success.”



IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER — Members of the Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe, many of them Bay Mills Indian Community members, pose with Aboriginal friends met in their recent journey to Australia. The trip was part of a growing cultural exchange between Aboriginal people from Queensland, Australia and Anishinaabe people from the Great Lakes region of the U.S.A. Read more about their journey on Page 9.

Lights going up on Bay Mills “55 stretch”

BAY MILLS — One of the darkest and most dangerous stretches of roadway in Brimley will be lit up in future weeks. With parts on order, Cloverland Electric Cooperative anticipates having lights on the “55-stretch” of Lakeshore Drive by the end of the month.

Bay Mills Indian Community’s Executive Council voted in favor of funding the project in December, citing concerns for public safety. Council members had hoped to have the project completed before the holidays, but a miscalculation about the number of transformers needed put the project on hold while a new estimate was in the works.

The lights were ordered earlier this month utilizing monies from the building and site fund, coming in at under \$8,000 for phase one. Monthly expenses of approximately \$24 a light will be paid for by Bay Mills Resort & Casinos.

The two-mile section of road is one of the most traveled areas connecting the one side of Bay Mills Reservation to the other. Traditionally these areas were referred to as “the mission” and “the farms.” The “stretch” also connects Kings Club Casino to Bay Mills Resort & Casinos and is frequented by locals and tourists walking and biking between the two. Throughout the years, the area has been plagued by accidents, which resulted in several deaths.

“We are hoping that by lighting the stretch of road between both sides of our community, with the largest employer on one side and largest residential area on the other, we will enhance the safety and security of our members, employees and patrons,” said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “This is a small price to pay for the safety of people.”

Kuzmik promoted to captain of Bay Mills Police Dept.

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BAY MILLS — With 16 years under his belt as an officer at Bay Mills Police Department, Bay Mills Indian Community member Arlen Kuzmik has been promoted to captain of the force, effective Dec. 28.

Kuzmik and Lt. Ron Rindy both applied for the captains’ position; Rindy had been serving as acting captain on a temporary basis.

The decision was difficult for the hiring committee, as both officers were qualified for the position and longstanding members of the force. Though Kuzmik was selected to fill the position, Rindy’s work is being recognized.

“Ron did a great job and stepped up when we needed him,” said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “He is a vital part of BMPD and we thank him for his service.”

Kuzmik was originally recruited

into being an officer while he was attending college at Northern Michigan University. He was approached by Ron Carrick, who was with BMPD at the time, and asked if he would consider putting in for a vacant position.

Kuzmik was originally going to school for elementary education and wanted to work with kids, but considered being a police officer while growing up. Carrick told him he could work with youth while benefit-

ting the community, so he applied.

Ironically he wasn’t hired the first time around, so the next time a position opened, he tried again. At the age of 24, Kuzmik officially began serving the community as a police officer.

Kuzmik said he has seen many people start and then move on to other positions since he was first hired at BMPD. In his tenure he has had four different supervisors, including Rindy, all of whom he says he has learned a great deal from over the years.

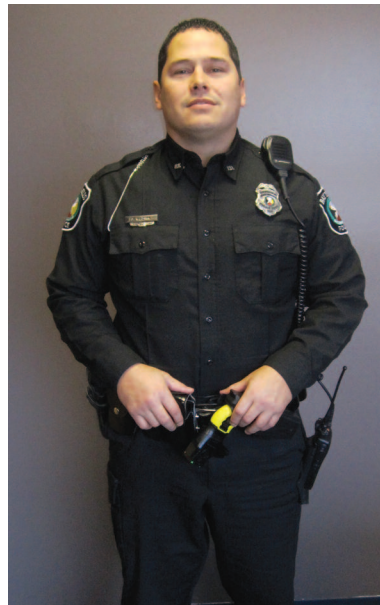
One of Kuzmik’s main goals in his new position is to increase the presence of officers in the community. Officers will patrol every road in the service area at least once within their shift, logging their time for verification.

“I want everyone on the force to be more community policing oriented,” said Kuzmik, noting officers will be patrolling on foot as well.

One of his first acts of duty in the new position was to fill a vacant position with a new officer. Tribal member Derek Parish was initially offered the job, but declined after he was offered another position working as an officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The hiring committee then selected Karl Perron for the position.

He accepted and left for the State Police Academy at Kirtland Community College on Monday, Jan. 9. In 18 weeks he will return and be trained in federal policies and procedures before he hits the road.

Perron will be the first officer trained under new Field Training Officer procedures, which consists of four phases. In the first phase of the



job, he will ride along and observe with another officer. In the second phase he will assist another officer and in the third phase he will do all the work. He completes field training when he rides along with the initial officer, doing all the work satisfactorily. Until the initial officer approves the new officer’s work, he will continue to cycle through the phases.

According to Kuzmik, Bay Mills Executive Council Vice Chairman and State Police Officer Joe LeBlanc was instrumental in the implementation of the new training policy.

Kuzmik is also looking to increase ride-alongs with officers, allowing those interested in law enforcement to get a feel for the job before they commit to the educational aspect.

Any community members who wish to provide input about the improvements they would like to see with the department are encouraged to contact Kuzmik at 906-248-.3251.

Federally-funded unemployment benefits extended

LANSING — Congress has approved a two-month extension for federally-funded unemployment benefits. As a result of the new legislation, the Extended Benefit program in Michigan will now expire the week ending March 10, 2012, instead of Jan. 7, 2012. Additionally, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program will continue to accept applications up until that same date.

The EB program, which began in January 2009, had been paying up to 20 weeks of federally-funded unemployment benefits in Michigan to those who exhausted their state and EUC benefits. The Agency has begun notifying those in the EB program that the expiration has been extended to the week ending March 10, 2012. The federally-funded EUC program and its four tiers provide up to 53 weeks of unemployment benefits to jobless workers who deplete their state unemployment benefits. Eligibility dates for each tier of EUC are listed online.

There are several ways for unemployed workers to check the balance on their claims. Claimants who have online Claim Web Accounts can go to their web account and see how many weeks they have remaining. Claimants can also call the MARVIN system at 1-866-638-3993 and press option 2. Individuals who want to register for an online web account can access the portal by visiting www.michigan.gov/uia and then selecting the link “UIA Online Services for Unemployed Workers.”

The expiration of the federally-funded programs will not affect the state’s unemployment benefit program, which will continue to provide up to 26 weeks of unemployment benefits to those who are newly unemployed and meet the program’s eligibility requirements. Those who are newly unemployed as of January 15, 2012, and meet the program’s eligibility requirements will be eligible for up to 20 weeks of state unemployment benefits.

Additional information about the end of EB and EUC is available on the UIA website (www.michigan.gov/uia). In addition, the Agency has also established a toll-free number (1-866-MI-HELPS) for people to call for pre-recorded information about the extension programs. Individuals nearing the end of their unemployment benefits may also visit the state’s Helping Hand website (www.michigan.gov/helpinghand) for information about family support, housing, health care, jobs and training and other services. People can also go online to apply for food assistance and to determine if they may be eligible for certain types of public assistance.

New CPS worker’s goal is to keep the family whole

BAY MILLS — Heidi Erickson has been the Child Protective Services Worker for the Bay Mills Indian Community for four months. Her office is located on the second floor of the Bay Mills Health Center.

She said she has enjoyed meeting people and families within the community. “Everybody has been very welcoming,” she said.

Erickson was raised in Interlochen along with two brothers. She now lives in the Sault Ste. Marie area, married with four stepchildren, whom she refers to as her “bonus” children, all of whom are Sault Tribe members.

Her passion growing up was music; she took piano lessons from kindergarten through high school. Following graduation, she began a career in cosmetology, obtaining her

license and working in hair salons in Traverse City for a few years.

Deciding to pursue an education in psychology and early child development, Erickson enrolled first at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and then transferred to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie to finish her degree. In 2000, she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and began working at Hiawatha Behavioral Health in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was there for 11 years, while earning her social workers license at the same time. Initially working with mentally ill and disabled adults, Erickson transitioned into working with children in her second year and spent the next nine years working with developmentally dis-

abled children. Many of the children suffered from autism, so she spent a significant amount of time researching and attending trainings on the disorder.

Erickson explained that her responsibility as a CPS worker is to ensure the safety, permanency and wellbeing of the children and their families in the community. Her goals include protecting children from abuse and neglect, promoting the integrity and stability of families and providing permanency for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.

“It is the primary goal of



Protective Services to preserve the family as a whole and the last resort is providing safety in the removal of children,” she said.

Something Erickson wants to make very clear is who to report to when abuse or neglect is suspected.

If the alleged perpetrator is not legally responsible for the care of the child, such as an extended family member, teacher or day care provider, then law enforcement should be contacted at 906-248-3251.

If the alleged perpetrator is legally responsible for the care of the child, such as a parent or guardian, then CPS needs to be contacted, she said. Her direct number is 906-248-8303, or the main contact number at the health center is 906-248-3204.

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Kateri Tekakwitha to be a saint soon

BAY MILLS — The Catholic church located in Bay Mills Indian Community may soon be in for another name change. In 1981, St. Catherine’s church was renamed Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, honoring a Native American woman renowned for her dedication to Christianity and known as the “Lily of the Mohawks.”

“It was the first church in the world to be named after her,” said Wanda Perron of Bay Mills Indian Community’s History Department.

The Vatican recently announced that Tekakwitha has passed the last test for sainthood, which would make her the first Native to receive the honor. She would then be known as Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, rather than Blessed.

No date has been officially announced for her canonization by Pope Benedict but reports claim it could be as early as February.

Tekakwitha was born in America into the Mohawk Nation in 1656 and was baptized as a Christian at age 20. At the age of 4, she had lost her family in a small-pox epidemic that left her disfigured and with poor eyesight. She was persecuted due to her Christian beliefs and fled to an Native American Christian community in Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada where she made a vow of chastity and lived a life dedicated to prayer, penance and care for the sick and elderly.

She died in 1680 at the age of 24 and, according to tradition, her scars disappeared after her death to reveal a woman of great beauty. Also, many sick people at her funeral were miraculously healed and it was also

claimed that she appeared to two people in the weeks after her death.

The process for her canonization began in 1184. She was declared venerable by Pius XII in 1943, and then Pope John Paul II beautified her in 1980. On Dec. 19, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints credited her with a second miracle performed after death, opening the door for her to being declared a saint.

Tekakwitha is entombed in a marble shrine in Kahnawake, which has seen a steady stream of pilgrims. Many people have left items such as pictures and flowers in tribute at the square tomb, which sits in front of a statue of her.

Joe Delaronde, a spokesperson for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake said the announcement was overwhelming. “The work to have her canonized has been going on for a long, long time. I think a lot of the older, especially more devout people, are probably just celebrating like crazy now.”



OCS provides gift baskets to students

BAY MILLS — In years past, staff at Ojibwe Charter School have sponsored families through the Department of Human Services during the Christmas season, but this year they decided there was a

need closer to home.

“We realized the school had kids needing help so we decided to sponsor 33 students and their siblings at OCS with our first Holiday Giving Program,” said Stephanie

Vittitow, the school’s chief administrative officer.

She and a teacher from OCS contacted their Facebook friends and soon people began sponsoring kids and donating gifts and money. Bay Mills Community College held a bake sale and donated the proceeds; Bay Mills Housing donated funds; and Michigan Inter-Tribal Council donated turkeys and gifts.

Gifts for each child were allotted to 10 different families, and the \$700 that was raised in cash donations bought the ingredients necessary for a Christmas feast for each family as well.

“We bought laundry baskets and filled them with everything you would need for a holiday meal, including a roaster pan,” said Vittitow.

Families picked up their Christmas packages at the school on Dec. 20 and 21, with the school delivering to those having no transportation.

“Our thanks goes to the community for their generous donations,” said Marcia Malloy, the school’s chief operating officer. “As usual, they all pulled together in a time of need.”



HOLIDAY GIVING — Ojibway Charter School staff prepare to distribute gift baskets for the Christmas holiday. L-R: Marcia Malloy, Stephanie Vittitow and Nadine Lyon. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

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Local youth donate hair to Locks of Love charity

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Siersha Miller and Sydney Hopper gave up a total of 16 inches of their hair in December to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that creates hairpieces for children suffering hair loss due to illness.

Inspired by a St. Jude’s mailing, the girls talked about the donation all summer, but something always came up. With activities winding down for the holidays, the pair took advantage of the lull to get their locks chopped off for a good cause at A Cut Above Salon in Sault Ste. Marie.

For Miller, 7, it was the second time in her young life to make a donation. She had been growing her hair out for two years since the last donation specifically to cut it off again for the cause. Miller said the young girl on the flyer reminded her of herself, motivating her to grow her hair out again.

Hopper was initially on the fence about the cut, but only moments after Miller had hers finished, she declared she was sure she wanted it done.

“I want to donate it to little girls who

are sick,” she told Siersha’s mother, Wilda Miller.

After Miller asked her several times if she was sure, Hopper didn’t hesitate jumping in the chair once it was empty. With scissors in hand, hairdresser Caroline Behling also took 8 inches of hair from a beaming Hopper, who didn’t flinch.

“It’s a good thing me and Siersha are doing this,” said Hopper, pointing to a bald little girl on the flyer when she was done. “It’s sad she has no hair. I hope it will be enough.”

Wilda Miller anticipates Siersha will be back in the hairdresser’s chair in the future again making a donation and is proud of the girls for stepping up.

“This is such a positive thing for them to be involved in,” she said.

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 21 with medical hair loss. The hair pieces are provided to

families in the U.S. and Canada free of charge.

Each hair piece takes approximately four to six months to make and is assembled by volunteers who also sort the donations. Children make up more than 80 percent of the donors to this program. For more information on how to donate to Locks of Love, email info@lockslove.org.



Above, Siersha Miller is shown getting 6 inches of her hair cut off for charity by stylist Caroline Behling. At left are Miller and Sydney Hopper, holding a combined 16 inches of hair to be donated to Locks of Love.

Michigan State Forests ready for cross-country skiers

15 trails in the Upper and Lower Peninsula will be groomed this winter season

Due in large part to volunteers and donations, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has announced that, of the 27 cross-country ski trails located throughout the state forests, 15 will be groomed this season. The remaining 12 trails will be available for un-groomed cross-country skiing. Many of the un-groomed trails will have plowed parking lots.

“Unfortunately outdoor recreation is not immune to the overall budget problems in the state,” said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR’s

Forest Management Division. “We are lucky to have the support of local volunteer groups and skier donations to help groom the trails. Their support, along with a small grant program, means we are able to help Michigan remain a winter wonderland for outdoor enthusiasts.”

In the Upper Peninsula the following trails will be groomed:

- * Algonquin in Chippewa County (DNR through private donation)
- * Paradise in Chippewa County (volunteer)
- * Days River in Delta County

(volunteer)

- * Canada Lake in Luce County (volunteer)
- * Blueberry Ridge in Marquette County (grant funded contract)
- * Indian Lake in Schoolcraft County (volunteer)

In the Northern Lower Peninsula the following trails will be groomed:

- * Chippewa Hills in Alpena County (volunteer)
- * Norway Ridge in Alpena County (volunteer)
- * Wildwood Hills in Cheboygan County (DNR through private dona-

tion)

- * Muncie Lake in Grand Traverse County (DNR through private donation)
- * VASA in Grand Traverse County (grant funded contract)
- * Ogemaw Hills in Ogemaw County (grant funded contract)
- * Pine Baron in Otsego County (DNR through private donation)
- * Cadillac in Wexford County (grant funded contract)

A 2011-2012 State Forest Cross-Country Ski Pathways list may be found on the DNR website at

www.michigan.gov/dnr under Recreation & Camping, Seasonal Recreation Opportunities. The XC list includes all pathways, county names, contact information and their grooming status. It is suggested that visitors call the contact number to check conditions and grooming prior to their trip.

For more information on the state forest cross-country skiing program, please contact Mark Mandenberg, Trails Program technical designer, at 517-335-3037 or by email to mandenbergm@michigan.gov.

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OPINION

Confusion vs. My Nest Egg

By Tom Purcell

After a volatile 2011, the stock market is off to a relatively good start in 2012 — at least as I'm writing this — though I'm still plenty confused about my retirement savings.

My confusion kicked into high gear in 1987 when the market plunged 508 points in one day, losing 22 percent of its value and killing my IRA.

The experts had lots of explanations after the collapse, but most failed to see it coming.

I vaguely remember the Asian financial crisis of 1997, too. It caused another Wall Street collapse that the experts didn't see coming.

Afterward, they explained that some banks in Thailand had credit problems. This caused a run on the baht, which is either the Thai currency or a really tasty dish along the lines of Gen. Tso's chicken.

Well, the bank run caused other Asian currencies to suffer, which caused the Hong Kong stock market to take a hit, which caused fear and panic at other stock markets throughout the world, which eventually caused a bunch of New York guys in suits to jump out windows.

And my IRA took another beating.

There have been lots of confusing ups and downs since then. I have been confused by the tech-stock bubble collapse of 2002, the housing bubble collapse of 2008 —thousands of experts completely missed that one — and the highly volatile stock market of the last three years.

If only the experts had had the same economics professor as I did back in 1984.

Purcell: "A rapidly growing economy is good, sir, because then we can all get rich!"

Professor: "Rapid growth caus-



es inflation, you nitwit!"

Purcell: "Low unemployment is terrific because that means everyone gets to have a job!"

Professor: "Low unemployment can cause wage pressures, which cause inflation, you idiot!"

Believe it or not, I got an A-plus in the class. I answered every test question with the exact opposite of what I thought was right.

Boy, did that approach help in 2006 when housing values were soaring and everybody was jumping in. I, a lousy English major, warned everyone I knew to do the opposite! Son of a gun if a massive collapse didn't occur soon after.

For the most part, though, I and the experts remain confused.

That's because everything is linked together in ways even economic geniuses can't comprehend. Governments around the world have their tentacles all over the marketplace.

Thus, every time a Chinese communist sneezes, worldwide sell-offs follow. When Angela Merkel has a bad hair day, Mercedes stock plummets. When Benjamin Netanyahu gets a pimple, oil prices soar.

At least I think that's what happens.

That's why part of me is nostalgic for the old days, when America was largely self-contained.

We created jobs by manufacturing and buying our own cars. We drove the cars for two years, until they rusted into the ground, which caused us to buy more cars, which created more jobs!

But not anymore. American cars are built with motors made in Mexico, bumpers made in Brazil, ignition systems made in Taiwan, bodies assembled in Canada. You want an American car? Buy a Honda. They make those in Ohio. In any event, all this interweaving of international investment means anything that happens anywhere can make or break my retirement.

It means European countries that overspend, over borrow and eventually collapse will have a painful impact on an America that continues to overspend, over borrow and will — if we don't get our act together — eventually collapse.

That's why I'm so confused about my retirement savings.

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USDA Cuts: Gentlemen Start Your Salmonella?

By Danny Tyree

Maybe the news left you yawning over your nutritious breakfast, but it shouldn't. Every American has a stake in the fact that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the closing of nearly 260 offices, labs and other facilities.

The coming months will see a testing of our uneasy love-hate relationship with the USDA. We hate bureaucracies, waste and overregulation — but we love our benefits and food safety programs.

In these tough economic times, the USDA's Blueprint For Stronger Service calls for trimming the fat. ("Yea, verily, thou shalt trim the fat. And thou shalt cut it with thine right hand, which belongs to a person not under 16 years old and has been dipped seven times in...Sorry. Old habits.")

My day job involves working at a farmers' cooperative store, but almost everyone knows that the USDA oversees a wide array of programs, including emergency aid to farmers, grants for rural development and food assistance programs for the poor. You may be unaware of some of the other services that face getting the old heave-ho: sensitivity training for scarecrows; scrutiny of the dating practices of "extra-virgin" olive oil; helping former farmers with "summer rain falling on a tin roof" withdrawal; transportation assistance so this little piggy doesn't have to cry "wee wee wee" all the way home...

Also endangered: the military's contingency plan for blocking the Straits of Des Moines and stopping the flow of corn to Iran. Yes, in spite of the announced cutbacks, American agriculture is still the envy of the world, especially Iran. Our drone planes unveil the construction of a wheat enrichment bunker that poses an imminent threat to Israel's pride, if not its physical security. ("How do ya like THESE bagels, trespassers on the land of Palestine?")

One might well ask what else can happen to beleaguered rural communities. First, the Postal Service announced the closure of many convenient post offices. Now the USDA wants to consolidate and make farmers drive farther. (Don't tell the EPA.) I understand that Phase 3 of Uncle Sam's war on the agrarian lifestyle

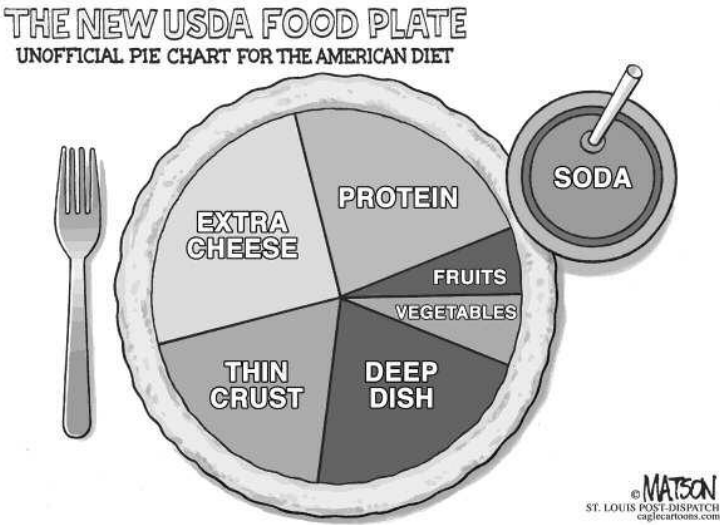
involves sending underemployed National Guard troops on clandestine "cow tipping maneuvers."

The official line is that the nation's food safety programs will not be impaired. Many of us remain skeptical. The USDA became a separate entity under Abraham Lincoln and achieved Cabinet status under Grover Cleveland. Now, under the current administration, it will have earned a motto of "We make more cursory glances before 9 a.m. than most people do all day."

Initial misgivings will spread exponentially if we see unemployed USDA workers holding signs that say "Will work for ...Air Jordans...or Kindle Fire...or anything but FOOD!" And perhaps someone should tell the Department of Education to make a preemptive strike against schoolchildren singing "Old MacDonald had a farm...E. coli -- E. coli -- O!"

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack insists that the department can't continue to conduct business the way it did 50 years ago. Yes, teleconferencing, online forms submissions and other modern innovations have rendered many brick-and-mortar, face-to-face transactions obsolete; but there was something charming and innocent about the USDA in 1961. ("I saw it — right there on TV! A talking horse! It said 'Willll-burrrr!' just as clear as a bell! We need to regulate and subsidize this before the commies catch up with us!")

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Important reminders from Enron's fall

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

Ten years ago this month, Enron collapsed, bankrupting the seventh largest U.S. corporation at the time and ripping away the mask from a massive and damaging corporate fraud.

This is a good time to reflect on what happened a decade ago and how many of the misdeeds that led to Enron's collapse are still far too prevalent today. We shouldn't forget how the culture of Enron — built on outsized corporate pay, conflicts of interest, tax evasion, financial engineering, and hidden debt — did so much harm to so many, and nearly brought the global economy to its knees. That culture is still too big a part of our financial system.

The Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, released reports on the failure of Enron's board members to safeguard shareholder interests; actions taken by major financial institutions to help Enron cook its books; and Enron's use of financial engineering to make its financial results look better than they were, while evading taxes.

The findings we reached in the aftermath of Enron's demise are worth keeping in mind as we consider our economic future. Why should we remember Enron?

* Runaway executive pay. Enron paid its CEO Ken Lay \$140 million in 2000, including \$123 million in stock options. Enron set the standard for outrageous CEO pay, and demonstrated how, in search of ever-larger paychecks, CEOs can lead companies into ever-riskier schemes that endanger not just shareholders, but the economy as a whole.

* Tax evasion. Despite reporting huge profits, Enron paid no taxes in four of its last five years and used tax scams and offshore shell entities to dodge paying its fair share. Today, dozens of U.S. corporations use similar tactics not only to dodge Uncle Sam, but claim huge tax rebates. Enron was a catalyst for today's corporate tax cheats.

* Corporate conflicts of interest. Enron's chief financial officer profited by using his own company, LJM, to do deals with Enron to cook its books. Heedless of Enron's example, banks such as Goldman Sachs and Citi later set up synthetic securities, sold shares to clients, and profited by betting against their own clients. Enron helped create a culture of corporations failing to do right by their clients.

* Accounting conflicts. Enron's accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, approved financial statements loaded up with fraud. Despite Enron's cautionary tale, so did accountants for Madoff Securities, Olympus, and other firms that have collapsed in years since, damaging investors, consumers and market stability. Enron showed how accountants reliant on revenues from clients can be convinced to look the other way. It's still happening today.

* Credit rating conflicts. Credit rating agencies gave Enron AAA ratings until it collapsed. They have given the same AAA ratings to toxic securities, failing corporations, and deadbeat banks, often because issuing tougher ratings would cost them business. Enron exposed the unreliability of credit rating agencies that place the search for market share above the need for objective analysis.

* Excessive speculation. Enron speculated and manipulated electricity prices for big profits. Today, speculators whipsaw the American economy with roller coaster energy, metal, and food prices. Enron jacked up the commodity business to everyone's detriment but the speculators; without tough enforcement of anti-speculation laws, the damage will continue.

* Financial engineering. Enron designed countless financial engineering gimmicks that served its financial interests but endangered clients and investors. Today, financial firms rave about financial "innovations," while pushing toxic products like auction securities, naked credit default swaps, and worse. Enron showed how financial engineering creates weapons of mass destruction; a decade later, exotic financial products helped bring the U.S. economy to its knees.

* The need for regulators to stop the madness. In response to Enron, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act banned multimillion-dollar corporate loans to corporate insiders, forced CEOs to certify their internal financial controls, and created new accounting oversight. Those changes helped curb Enron-style abuses. Congress continued the cleanup in 2010 with Wall Street reform legislation, but much more needs to be done. All of us should keep Enron in mind as financial regulators work to turn the laws we passed into strong rules that can build new protections for consumers and the economy.

LSSU to host informational sessions on financial aid

SAULT STE. MARIE, — High school seniors and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid and its availability will get the opportunity this month and in early February through Lake Superior State University Financial Aid Nights.

Staff from LSSU’s Financial Aid office will be visiting high schools around the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula to talk to families. In addition, on February 12, LSSU and Sault Area High School will sponsor a free workshop — College Goal Sunday — to help parents and students fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a requirement for any student seeking college financial aid.

“The FAFSA verification process is changing; we’ll describe it in the sessions,” said Deborah Faust, director of LSSU Financial Aid. “Families will want to hear about the changes in advance of filing their FAFSA this year.”

Faust said that part of the new verification process is the option to use the IRS data retrieval system to import tax information directly into the FAFSA. This will be discussed at the LSSU Financial Aid sessions.

Faust and her staff will also discuss scholarships, grants, loans and employment programs and will advise students how to apply for student aid. Emphasis will be placed on eligibility requirements, how to evaluate an aid offer, and how to complete the FAFSA — all of which should be considered by students and parents, no matter which college the student will be attending. Participants will get an opportunity to ask questions.

For more information, contact LSSU’s Financial Aid Office, 906-635-2678. A list of the locations, times and dates of the workshops is below.

Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., LaSalle High School, St. Ignace

Jan. 26, 6 p.m., Newberry High School

Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m., Engadine High School

Feb. 12, College Goal Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., Sault Area High School.

Great Lakes drownings rise to 87 in 2011

MUSKEGON (AP) — A safety group reports that 87 people drowned in the Great Lakes in 2011, up from 74 the previous year.

Bob Pratt, chief executive of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, called the 2011 drowning total “tragic.” Pratt told The Muskegon Chronicle that his group seeks to prevent drownings by educating people about the dangers of the lakes and teaching them how to use such tools as surfboards to save lives.

“In 2012, we will be working hard to reduce these numbers through our water safety and surf rescue classes,” said Pratt. “Knowledge is power.”

Of the Great Lakes drownings in 2011, 44 occurred in Lake Michigan, according to the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project.

The group blamed 15 of the Lake Michigan drownings on rip currents. Other causes included accidents while boating, sailing, canoeing and kayaking; jumping or falling from a pier or dock; walking on ice; and attempting to flee police.

In nine drownings, the causes were unknown.

The group said Michigan waters had the highest number of drownings in 2011 with 18. Illinois had 13 in the Chicago area and one in another municipality, Indiana had six and Wisconsin five.

Traffic on International Bridge hits nine-year high

SAULT STE. MARIE— Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge traffic hit a nine-year high in 2011, with nearly 2 million crossings.

The International Bridge Administration reports total crossings for 2011 was 1,998,068, which is 9.27 percent above 2010 totals. Statistics for the three main traffic categories include automobile traffic, which was up 6.3 percent; commuter fare automobile traffic, which was up 14.4 percent; and commercial truck traffic, which was down 3.7 percent compared to 2010.

Customers using the “Prox” commuter card made up the largest segment of traffic in 2011, with 47.9 percent using the discounted fare program. The IBA reports that December 2011 marked the 26th consecutive month in which monthly traffic exceeded the corresponding month’s total the previous year.

The IBA reports that December traffic was up 6.5 percent compared to December 2010. More than 7,100 vehicles crossed on Dec. 22, making it the second-busiest traffic day of the year.

Commercial truck traffic in 2011 did not fare as well, and did not rebound from the gradual decline that began in 2005. The IBA reports that truck traffic totaled 95,900 crossings in 2011, which is the lowest annual total since 1993.

“We monitor truck traffic trends very closely, and in 2011 commercial trucks made up 4.9 percent of total traffic, with those tolls making up 31 percent of total toll revenue,” said IBA General Manager Phil Becker. “Clearly there are significant factors affecting cross-border traffic at play, such as the continued sluggish U.S. economy and the strong Canadian dollar.”

Unaudited figures indicate toll revenue was \$7.34 million in U.S. dollars, which is \$500,000, or 7.4 percent more than in 2010. Likewise, unaudited figures indicate toll revenue was 8.1 percent above 2011 budgeted revenue.

IBA-budgeted expenditures for bridge operation, maintenance, and repairs totaled \$5.27 million, slightly below the \$5.79 budgeted in 2010. The IBA estimates that financial reserves will total approximately \$8.2 million (U.S.) at the end of 2011.

“Our goal is to build up our financial reserves for a series of bridge painting, concrete deck rehabilitation, and toll plaza projects needed within the next 15 years that are estimated to cost nearly \$50 million (U.S.),” said Becker.

Tolls and fees collected at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge are the only sources of funding for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the bridge and toll plaza. The IBA does not receive any state, federal, or provincial funding for bridge operation, maintenance, and repair.

Free course on Native American small businesses is offered online

Native American Small Business Primer: Strategies for Success is a free, self-paced online business course developed for Native American business owners. The course provides an overview of basic business principles and knowledge of the programs and services available from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

“*Native American Small Business Primer: Strategies for Success* will enhance the agency’s effort to provide important resources for emerging Native American entrepreneurs,” said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. “Our ultimate goal is to help create jobs and stimulate economic and business development in our Native American communities. This course is an essential business development tool for the entrepreneur’s toolbox.”

The new online course: emphasizes business planning and market research as essential steps to take before going into business; informs Native American entrepreneurs about the legal aspects of starting a business, including the type of ownership, or legal structure, and licensing; and provides key information on seed money for starting up, raising capital, and borrowing money. In addition, there is a section on how to estimate business start-up costs that can help assess the financial needs of going into business.

The course is available from the SBA’s Online Small Business Training web page under Online Courses for Starting Your Business at <http://www.sba.gov/content/online-courses-starting-your-business>.

Course participants completing the online training programs can earn a certificate of completion from the SBA, with their name, date and course title. The Native American Small Business Primer course is one of nearly 30 online tutorials offered by the SBA’s Online Business Training (www.sba.gov/training). Free courses are offered on Starting a Business, Managing a Business, Financing a Business, and Contracting.

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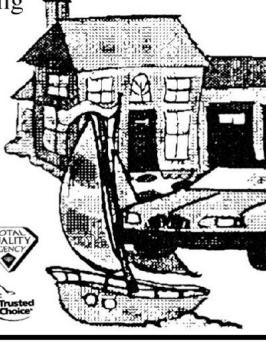
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Snowmobile trail grooming under way

SAULT STE. MARIE — Some people love them, others merely tolerate them. But everyone agrees that snowmobiles are part of the fabric of local winter culture and an important part of the tourist industry.

Those brightly colored little machines zipping around town and countryside from December through March benefit the community in two big ways, according to the Sault Ste. Marie Snowmobile Association: Directly, by pumping dollars into local gas stations, restaurants, hotels and casinos and indirectly from the general infusion of outside money into the community.

But snowmobilers need trails to ride on and that's where SSMSA steps up. From shovel work to political action, SSMSA and similar organizations across the Upper Peninsula labor to keep open a web of snowmobile trails that stretches across the U.P. from the Sault to Minnesota, a task accomplished primarily by volunteers.

The 65 miles of trails currently maintained by SSMSA ran west from the Sault to Racoon and beyond, and south to meet up with the Kinross trail system, which until recently, was maintained by Kinross Charter Township. Last winter was the last season for the township's trail grooming efforts, and the Department of Natural Resources, which oversees the Michigan snowmobile trail system, quickly approved SSMSA's application to take on the 38 miles of Kinross area trails.

SSMSA officials are excited about the new responsibility with President Martin Cottle explaining, "We have an opportunity to create a unified, efficient program for grooming a large portion of the Eastern Upper Peninsula snowmobile trails." But he noted that the move comes with challenges. "Our volunteer hours will be up this year as we expect to see an increase in all trail-related



work items to maintain the 100-plus miles."

The Michigan sled trail system is funded by snowmobile riders through a \$45 trail permit. The DNR-administered fund covers the operating costs of trail grooming organizations disbursed on a per-mile groomed basis. Thus, the more miles of trail and the more often an organization grooms as needed, the more monies it receives to cover expenses.

That creates the upside of a 50 percent increase in SSMSA's trail system with the downside being a proportional increase in the labor required. Another plus in SSMSA's eyes is additional equipment from the Kinross deal in the form of a late model Tucker groomer tractor and drag, which will fit in well with the two other Tuckers and Cat Challenger in their fleet. Also a bonus is that experienced drivers from the Kinross system will continue working those trails.

Everything seems to be in place for a seamless transfer of trails and a nice growth spurt for the SSMSA, especially if the weather cooperates. "It's a simple equation," said Cottle. "Snow equals money. If snow falls, we groom the trails, get funded and stay in the black. If it doesn't snow, the opposite happens."

WALKING ON ...

John E. Grady Jr.

John Edward "Big John" Grady Jr., age 80, of Brimley, Mich. passed away Monday morning, Jan. 9, 2012 at the Long Term Care Unit of War Memorial Hospital.

John was born on April 4, 1931 in Flint, the son of the late John and Mildred (Peas) Grady. He married Ione Farison on Feb. 5, 1966 in Clare. He worked for many years as an auto body repairman. He worked for Ted Cathy's Chevrolet, then Roe Chevrolet, and eventually retired from Sadler Motors. On the side, he'd also repair radiators. He was a go-to person for many friends needing advice as to how to fix or paint their vehicles.

John enjoyed camping trips to Canada. His favorite campground was Archibald's Campground in Debra, Ontario. He spent many summers in his boat, exploring the coastlines of both the U.S. and Canada, picnicking on the many islands. John also loved to go snowmobiling and was very involved with the first I-500, where he was a tow sled operator. He enjoyed the outdoors, cutting firewood, and clearing wood property. He spent many hours building lawn tractors for his grandkids, who would enter local tractor pulls at the Chippewa County Fair. This turned into his working on anything with a small gas motor and many hours tinkering in his garage.

John is survived by his wife: Ione M. (Farison) Grady; three sons, Ricky (Pamela) Walker of Appleton, Wis., Kevin (Michelle) Walker of Dafer and John Grady III of Fenton; a daughter, Diane Bommerito of Houston, Texas; 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Fred (Donna) Grady Jr. of Mecosta.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred (Peas) Martin; his father, Walter Martin; a sister, Norma Jean Moore and his birth father, John E. Grady Sr.

Funeral services were held at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Road to Recovery. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Raleigh Lawrence Fournier

Raleigh Lawrence Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born September 21, 1942.

Raleigh enjoyed Red Wings hockey, TV game shows and going to the casino. He is survived by two sons, Raleigh Joseph "Sam" Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Benjamin Eustice Fournier of Bay Mills; two daughters, Kelly (Richard) Smart of Sault Ste. Marie and Lisa Geenen Fournier of Monroe; four sisters, Marie (Eugene) Pingatore of Sault Ste. Marie, Pete and her husband Nick of Albuquerque, N.M., Blanche Kivinen of N.C. and Loretta Madrid of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers Merlin (Pat) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Marc (Linda) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie; six grandchildren, Erika, Kaylene, Jillian, Ashley, Holli and Jessica Marie and one great-grandchild due in the spring.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Louise LaBranche Fournier, in 1990; his mother, Ruth Sprinkett; and father, Edward Fournier.

Traditional services were held Jan. 15 at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating.

His final resting place will be Mission Hill Cemetery later in the spring. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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Brimley names Students of the Month for December

BRIMLEY — Brimley Area Schools has announced the names of those chosen as Students of the Month for December 2011.

Tommissa Archambeau is always respectful and ready to learn. She has a kind spirit with a warm heart toward her peers.

Tommissa's smile and personality brightens the classroom. — Mrs. Jones

Isabelle Caraccio comes to school each day ready to work. She is the picture of concentration and is a very serious student. She is always listening and trying to apply new knowledge.

Isabelle helps her friends and is always kind to her classmates. — Ms. Hoffman

Brooke Carrick is a student who enters the class ready and eager to learn. She is a conscientious student who always does her work and homework. She has been giving extra on her writing and inspiring her classmates as well.

Brooke is a kind and helpful student and an example to all. — Mrs. Gross

Danny Carrick is an outstanding citizen and makes good choices to do what is right. He is kind to everyone and can be

counted on to help in any circumstance. He has been working very hard at completing all his assignments well and on time.

Danny's positive attitude and desire to give his best effort have a positive impact on the classroom. — Mrs. Hope

Kendra Carrick can always be counted on to do the right thing. She works hard to do her best and take care of her responsibilities as a student.

Kendra's hard work and dedication to excellence shows in all that she does. — Mrs. Rider

Brianna Clow is an outstanding student who goes above and beyond what she is asked to do. She is a wonderful role model for the classroom and can always be counted on to do the right thing.

Brianna follows all the classroom rules, completes all of her assignments on time, tries her hardest and gets along well with her classmates and adults alike. — Mrs. Ver Strate

Emily Harding is a very nice and polite girl who always follows the rules. She can always be counted on to do the right thing, whether it is getting along with her classmates, being helpful, or

completing her work on time.

Emily always gives her best effort. — Mrs. Carrick

Landen Harding is a very deserving young man who is always kind to his friends and can be counted on to help others with directions or on assignments. He comes into the room and immediately gets busy, a responsible student who always knows what to do.

Landen works hard on everything he is given and does it all with a smile on his face. — Mrs. Hill

Gina Hazlett is polite and helpful to others. She works hard and does her best.

Gina can be counted on to do what needs to be done and to follow the rules. — Mrs. Ellis

Colin Hopper has a constant sense of responsibility and unfailing helpfulness. He never misses an opportunity to offer his help to another and is usually one of the first to volunteer for a task. He maintains a constant positive attitude toward his class work and responsibilities, makes sure his daily work and homework are finished, does his best at all times and joyfully corrects his mistakes.

Colin is not a student who complains or becomes negative when asked to do something difficult, but approaches all learning tasks with confidence and enthusiasm. He makes good decisions, even when no one is watching. — Ms. Kennedy

Zachary Hyvarinen is a great student, hard working and consistent with his good work. He is also very helpful in the classroom, willingly helping his teacher and other students when they ask.

Add a heaping amount of sense of humor and you have a student in Zach who displays a great positive attitude in the classroom. — Mrs. Hutchins

Elsie McGuire loves to help others. She is a hard worker and

follows all classroom and school rules, setting a good example for her classmates.

Elsie gives her all at whatever she sets out to do. — Mrs. Kelso

Elijah Reinke has made a consistent effort in his academics. He has gone the extra mile of helping others out and pitching in to help.

Elijah is very friendly and kind. — Mrs. Osborne

Marina Slater is a student who always seems to have it "together." She maintains good grades, cares about the quality of her work and makes sure everything is turned in on time.

Marina consistently stays focused and on task, even when some of her classmates are not. — Mrs. Teeple



Students doing dandy in the days of December

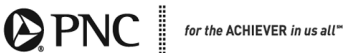
Brimley Elementary School announced the names of those who ended 2011 with a flourish by being named Students of the Month for December. Front row, L-R: Landen Harding, Isabelle Caraccio and Colin Hopper. Middle row, L-R: Gina Hazlett, Emily Harding, Kendra Carrick and Brooke Carrick. Back row, L-R: Brianna Clow, Elijah Reinke, Zach Hyvarinen, Danny Carrick and Marina Slater. Missing from the photo are Elsie McGuire and Tommissa Archambeau.

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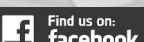
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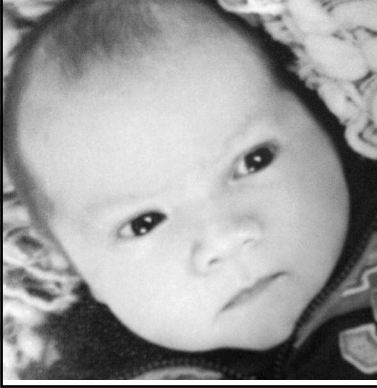
NAMES & FACES



Happy 6th birthday to Evan and Quinn Parker on Jan. 23!
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Happy birthday, Melissa Sally!
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Chendra, Michael and Calie Tremblay announce the arrival of their new brother: Owen Thomas Tremblay. He was born Sept. 16, 2011 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich., weighing in at 9 pounds and 20 inches long. Parents are Mike and Tara Tremblay of Brimley. Grandparents are Tom and Liz Tremblay, Cathy Lee, and Carol and Tom Brown, all of Brimley, and Ed and Joyce Lothrop Jr. of Bay Mills. Great-grandparents are Marion Passmore of Brimley and Bernadette and Ed Lothrop Sr. of Bay Mills. Great great grandmothers are Amelia LeBlanc of Bay Mills and Mary Lothrop of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

THANKS ...

The Social Services Department would like to thank the Bay Mills Resort & Casinos for their generous donation for the Thanksgiving Giving Program and the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council for their generous donation for the Christmas Giving Program. These two donations provided funding for families that met the federal poverty guidelines.

The Thanksgiving Giving Program entailed a gift certificate for families to purchase food for their Thanksgiving Day meal. We served 33 families, including 88 children, with this program. The Christmas Giving Program entailed a gift certificate for the family to purchase food for their Christmas Day meal and a gift certificate for each child in the family to purchase Christmas gifts. We served 66 families, including 138 children, with this program.

We have received a considerable amount of positive feedback from families that qualified for these two programs and would like to share some of the written comments received from them:

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On behalf of the Social Services Department, we extend our sincerest gratitude for the donations that made these holiday giving programs such a success this year.

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Chi-Miigwetch to the Bay Mills/Brimley community for your thoughts and prayers throughout my recovery. My family and I are truly appreciative of all the love.

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# Dance troupe shares culture in “the land down under”

BAY MILLS — Members of Bay Mills Indian Community returned Jan. 9 from a two-week visit to Australia as part of a cultural exchange between the native people of both continents.

Members of the Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe are Liz Guererro, John Hunter, Joseph Hunter, Meredith Hunter, Matt Isaac, Tim Knox, Eleina LeReaux, Brad Lewis, Don Lyons, Dylan Miner, Estrella Torrez, Mexica Torrez-Miner, Reina Torrez-Miner, Wayne Silas Jr., Kylie “Smylie,” Bucko Teeple, Michele Wellman-Teeple, Sara Wellman, Beness Willis, Michelle Willis, Miishen Willis, Mike Willis and Marcus Winchester,

Michelle Willis, educator and troupe member, recalled their unforgettable journey.

“We share this earth with an unimaginable number of people, plants, animals, birds and fish. When anything in creation dies, its body returns to the Earth. But did you know that everything we say, feel, or do is also absorbed by the Earth?

“These memories settle like fossils hidden deep under the soil. Our Anishinaabe ancestors knew that dancing to the natural rhythm of the Earth gently releases this stored wisdom where it is transformed into messages for new generations, which are then carried by the wind through music and song.

“The Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe traveled over 10,000 miles to the “land down under” for such an awakening. The journey was part of a growing cultural exchange between Aboriginal people from Queensland in Australia and Anishinaabe people from the Great Lakes region of North America. The troupe also included indigenous representation from the Métis

and the Mexica or Aztec cultures.

“The goal of the trip was to reach out to young people by encouraging them to be the change they seek. It was a mission accomplished and so much more. The troupe sang and danced to the drumbeat, sharing stories of their dances. When they weren’t performing, members of the group conducted workshops on a variety of cultural issues, including sovereignty, language preservation, racism, art and education.

“The history of the Aboriginal communities in Australia mirrors our own Anishinaabe history, from British occupation to a forceful dispossession of land and civil rights to boarding schools. The troupe was privileged to meet individuals committed to regaining their land rights, traditional culture, language and a measure of sovereignty. Elders of the “Stolen Generation” shared their stories and the troupe was witness to the dancing, music and ceremony shared by many of Australia’s first nation people.

“This trip strengthened the bond between members of the Northern Lights dance group and several Aboriginal communities, while learning from each other about land care management, governance and cultural revitalization efforts. As the troupe boarded the plane for the long trip back to the Great Lakes, they took with them hopes for continuing to build relationships with the Aboriginal communities.

“Plans are already being made for an Australian delegation to visit the U.S. in April. Everyone involved in this trip looks forward to developing future collaborations with indigenous communities in other parts of the world, possibly including Mexico, South America, New Zealand and Scandinavia.”

## Airgood discusses the writing life

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE. — Ellen Airgood always wanted to be a writer. Since she was a child, she had fantasized about the writing life.

“I couldn’t believe how cool it was to make up stuff and call it a story,” she said at her Dec. 13 appearance at Bayliss Public Library. There she met with fans interested in her work, discussing the first book she had published, *South of Superior*, and how she finally got her work into print.

It was a long road for Airgood to see her work published. *South of Superior* was the sixth book she wrote, which took seven years to complete. This time around, she had hired a freelance editor to help guide her through the process.

On June 9, 2011 her years of hard work paid off as she held a launch party in her hometown of Grand Marais. Reception was incredible, she said, as the majority of the community came out to congratulate her.

“I thought maybe 20 to 30 people would show,” she said. “Then I was told to prepare for at least 100.”

The small diner she and her hus-

*“Ellen Airgood’s debut novel presents an unsentimental but warm-hearted view of life in an isolated Michigan town. Thrust into the dramas of its quirky inhabitants, a Chicago woman discovers that happiness, hope and love are possible even in a place where times can only go from tough to tougher. Reminiscent of Richard Russo, South of Superior is an engaging tale told with wit and charm.” — Philip Caputo, author of Indian Country, The Voyage, and Acts of Faith*

band run had people lined up out the door. Her writings mirrored life in the small town, which drew many people in. And now her biggest hurdle is deciding whether or not to write a sequel as so many have requested.

“I’m not sure about a sequel. I was relieved when it was done and never had that intention,” she said. “And I don’t want to have to kill any of my characters off.”

Airgood is currently working on another novel and has been approached about writing children’s books.

A former legislative writer for the Environmental Protection Agency, Airgood encourages anyone who wants to write to step up and do so.

### Anonymous donor to match LSSU donations

SAULT STE. MARIE – An anonymous donor group has agreed to boost the hockey operations budget at Lake Superior State University by matching up to \$250,000 in donations made by alumni, parents, fans and friends of the program.

The establishment of a challenge grant by a donor, especially of this magnitude, is a first for the university, according to Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation.

Donations to the Laker Hockey Challenge Fund received between Dec. 1, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2013 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$250,000. The challenge coincides with the Lakers joining the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in the 2013-2014 season.

Support raised from this challenge will be earmarked to supplement funding for important activities associated with the program, including recruiting, travel, equipment and additional operational needs.

“We think our hockey alumni will

be excited about this opportunity to basically double their support to Laker hockey,” said assistant coach Doug Laprade, who will be spearheading the effort with former players, their parents and other supporters. “This is something we are going to promote with a theme of “Back to the Attack.”

For those who would like to support the Challenge Fund, contact Laprade at 906-635-2605 or email [dlaprade@lssu.edu](mailto:dlaprade@lssu.edu). For information regarding pledges, contact Coates at 906-635-6670 or [tcoates@lssu.edu](mailto:tcoates@lssu.edu).



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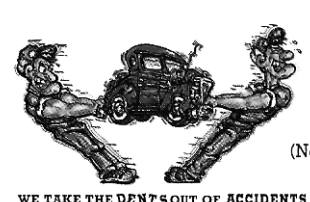
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# Volunteers needed to serve as summer campground hosts

The Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division is offering free camping this summer for outdoor lovers who volunteer as campground hosts at Michigan state parks, recreation areas or state forest campgrounds. The Volunteer Campground Host Program allows individuals to camp in a state park or state forest campground at no charge in return for providing visitor assistance in the campground.

Campground hosts direct visitors to their campsites, answer questions about the park or state forest, arrange campground activities and perform light maintenance duties and other services, depending on the hosts' talents and interests. They can be individuals or teams. Retired couples, teachers and students, as well as families, are just some of the volunteers who have enjoyed spending their time as campground hosts.

Campground hosts must be at least 18 years old, provide services five days/30 hours per week, including weekends and holidays, serve a minimum of four consecutive weeks and furnish their own camping unit, equipment and personal items.

State park hosts must attend a two-day training session the end of April, 2012 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. This training is not required of state forest campground hosts.

Campground hosts are chosen by park and forest managers who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, his or her camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the needs of the specific park or forest campground.

Hosts are particularly needed during the busy camping season, which can begin as early as April in state parks in southern Michigan. Many of last year's campground hosts will be returning this year; however, vacancies still exist at park and forest camp-

ground locations throughout Michigan.

Information and applications are available from the DNR's website at [www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitor-centers](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitor-centers). Those interested in being a campground host at a state park should apply directly to the park of their choice.

For more information on campground host positions in state parks and recreation areas contact Pam Ames at 517-467-7401; for state forest campgrounds, please contact Ada Takacs at 989-275-5151, ext. 2049.

The Recreation Passport has replaced motor vehicle permits for entry into Michigan state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boating access fee sites. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities also helps to preserve state forest campgrounds,

trails, and historic and cultural sites in state parks, and provides park development grants to local communities.

Michigan residents can purchase the Recreation Passport, which is \$10 for motor vehicles and \$5 for motorcycles, by checking "YES" on their license plate renewal forms, or at any state park or recreation area.

Nonresident motor vehicles must still display a valid nonresident Recreation Passport, which is \$29 annual or \$8 daily, to enter a Michigan state park, recreation area or state-administered boating access fee site; these can be purchased at any state park or recreation area, or through the Michigan e-Store at [www.michigan.gov/estore](http://www.michigan.gov/estore).

To learn more about the Recreation Passport, visit [www.michigan.gov/recreation-passport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreation-passport) or call 517-241-7275.

## DNR offers women opportunity to explore ice fishing, snowshoeing, hunting and more on Jan. 28

The Department of Natural Resources is offering a Winter Discovery Day on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. Part of the *Becoming an Outdoors-Woman* program, the program is designed for women to try a variety of outdoor skills in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment.

The \$50 fee includes lunch and participants' choice of two classes. Sessions, taught by experienced volunteer instructors, include ice fishing, snowshoeing, basic map and compass skills, day hiking, self defense, basic pistol shooting, outdoor cooking, and turkey hunting.

"We decided to offer this one-day program for those who want to try some new outdoor recreation activities but can't get away for the full Winter Discovery Weekend," said BOW program coordinator Sue Tabor. "Women who are interested in getting outdoors and having some fun are invited to join us. All classes are geared toward beginners – no skill level required!"

The Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center is on the north shore of Higgins Lake at 104 Conservation Drive in Roscommon. Registration and payment must be received no later than Jan. 24. BOW is a noncompetitive program in which each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace. The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities, and sharing in the success of one another.

For registration forms and information on this and other BOW programs, visit [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow), call 517-241-2225 or email to [dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov).

## Border Crossing announces cover art contest Local artists are being encouraged to enter their work

SAULT STE. MARIE — Ice may be forming in the St. Mary's River and nearby Great Lakes, but *Border Crossing*, Lake Superior State University's journal of art and literature, invites you to think of water – frozen or otherwise — as it holds a themed cover-art contest for its 2012 issue.

The theme for entries this year is "water," according to Professor Julie Barbour who, along with Professor Mary McMyne, edits the journal. The contest is open only to residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as part of the mission of *Border Crossing* is to provide an outlet where area artists may showcase their work. The judge for this year's contest is U.P. artist Maureen Mousley.

Artists should submit work inspired by, or work which inspires reflection upon, the

theme of water. The first prize winner will have their work appear on the cover and will receive an installation and showing of their artwork during the 2012 issue's launch party and reading. Second and third place winners may also be published inside the issue. Any medium is welcome, as long as the digital representation submitted can be featured on *Border Crossing's* black and white cover.

Before entering, artists should read the full submission guidelines on *Border Crossing's* online submission manager, located at [bordercrossing.submishmash.com/submit](http://bordercrossing.submishmash.com/submit). There is no fee for entries, which should be submitted online at the same site. The deadline to enter is Feb. 1.

Apart from the cover art contest, *Border Crossing* also accepts

general submissions of visual art from artists residing in the U.P. Visit the journal's website, [Issu.edu/bc](http://Issu.edu/bc), to learn more.

Art contest judge Maureen Mousley holds a bachelor's degree in fine art from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Her most recent awards include first place in the "First Art Folk" competition for the Sault Area Arts Council in 2010, Best in Show at the Sault Summer Arts Festival in 2011, and the Purchase Prize Award from Northern Exposure XVIII at Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba. Mousley is president of the Sault Area Arts Council's Olive M. Craig Gallery board and is an active member of the council. She has taught at LSSU, and in the Sault, Brimley, and Ojibwe Charter school districts. She maintains a studio and resides in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, contact Barbour at [jbarbour@Issu.edu](mailto:jbarbour@Issu.edu), 635-2657; or McMyne at [mmcmyne@Issu.edu](mailto:mmcmyne@Issu.edu), 635-2327.

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# Carrick retires from Forest Service

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — On Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 Justin Carrick worked his last day on the job for the U.S. Forest Service. The Bay Mills Indian community member retired after 36 years.

Back when Carrick was in high school, he knew he wanted to get into the natural resource field. He always excelled and enjoyed any courses that had anything to do with field biology. The outdoor environment was always important to Carrick’s family and they all have a strong interest in the outdoors.

After Carrick graduated high school he went to Nicolet College in Wis., which offered courses tailored for tribal members. He took a one-year program in resource management and planned to continue his education after working for the summer to get some first hand experience on the job.

His advisors told him of a sum-



mer job opportunity in St. Ignace as a forestry technician which he began May 5, 1975, but the job did not end there. As a Forestry Technician, Carrick’s duties ranged from reforestation, fire suppression, recreation, cleaning trails, and helping at the campgrounds.

In the summer of 1977 while working for a youth camp with the Youth Conservation Corp., a job with the Sault Ste. Marie district became available. Carrick took the job and has been there ever

since. His duties there were more tailored towards recreation — working with the Point Iroquois Lighthouse, cleaning trails, and maintaining the campgrounds. He also aided with fire suppression, tree planting, and anything else that might come up. Carrick reported to the Forest Service Work Center in Raco for most of his field work and to the Sault Ste. Marie District office for his office work.

Carrick said he has mixed feelings on retiring. “You miss the people you worked with and working with the community, the historic society, the volunteers at the lighthouse, the history department, the water safety group in St. Ignace. You meet a lot of nice people and that is a fun part of the job, but there’s still a part of me looking forward to retirement and moving on.”

Carrick’s future plans consist of staying in the area and maybe working part-time somewhere if the opportunity arises.

# Wolves no longer federally protected as of Jan. 28, but state protections remain

LANSING— Wolves in the Great Lakes region will no longer be considered a federally protected species as of Jan. 28, leaving management concerns in the hands of states. While Minnesota is considering a hunting season for the creature, Michigan hunters shouldn’t get their hopes up anytime soon.

In Michigan, wolves will continue to be protected by the state and will be handled according to already established guidelines, created with input from the Wolf Roundtable, an advisory group of diverse stakeholders from across the state.

“This is great news for the state’s wolf population and for Michigan citizens who have been affected by this issue,” said DNR Director Rodney Stokes. “Treating wolves as an endangered species, when the population has exceeded federal recovery goals in Michigan for more than a decade, has negatively impacted public opinion in areas of Michigan where wolves are established on the landscape.

“I firmly believe that the more flexible management options allowed under the state’s Wolf Management Plan will help increase social acceptance of the species while maintaining a healthy, sustainable wolf population.”

Management of wolves has long been a contentious subject amongst hunters, farmers and conservationists. In 2008, the state of Michigan passed laws to allow livestock or

dog owners, or their designated agents, to remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to destroy a wolf that is “in the act of preying upon” (attempting to kill or injure) the owner’s livestock or dog(s).

However, these laws were never put into effect as long as the species was considered federally endangered. As of Jan. 27, these laws are now applicable.

Once wolves are removed from the endangered species list, the DNR will continue to recommend nonlethal methods of control first, including flashing lights, flagging and noisemakers. In addition, the DNR administers a grant program that provides some funding to livestock owners with depredation issues for improved fencing and

guard animals such as llamas, donkeys and Great Pyrenees dogs.

There is no public hunting or trapping of wolves allowed in Michigan and DNR officials have not indicated any hunting seasons in the works. Michigan is home to approximately 600 wolves, whereas Minnesota claims to have upwards of 3,000.

The DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will investigate and continue vigorous prosecution of any wolf poaching cases. Illegally killing a wolf is punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both, and the cost of prosecution.

Reports about poaching can be made to the DNR’s Report All Poaching Hotline, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 800-292-7800.

## Apparent U.P. moose poaching was hoax

MARQUETTE (AP) — Michigan wildlife officials say what appeared to be a moose poaching in the Upper Peninsula turned out to be a hoax.

The Department of Natural Resources said last October that someone had placed a severed moose head on a rock in Marquette County’s Humboldt Township with a sign reading, “Wolf’s (sic) won’t get this one!” The agency requested help in finding the poacher.

But on Jan. 10, the DNR said investigators have learned the head came from a moose that was legally killed in Canada by a hunter who brought it to the U.P. for processing.

The hunter kept the meat and antlers but left the rest of the carcass for disposal by the processor. The DNR is trying to determine how the head ended up being used in the stunt.

## Author Keith Taylor makes a stop in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE — Author Keith Taylor will make appearances in Sault Ste. Marie this month. Professor Taylor teaches at the University of Michigan and was one of the featured authors at the U.P. Book Tour last summer at Bayliss Public Library.

Thursday, Jan. 19, from noon to 2 p.m., Taylor will be the guest of Lake Superior State University’s Creative Writing Program for a Brown Bag Lunch reading and question-and-answer period at the Cisler Center’s Crow’s Nest. Participants may bring their own lunch or purchase one in the Cisler Center.

That evening at 7, Taylor will be at Bayliss Public Library, where he will speak about his new book of ghost stories, *Ghost Writers: Us Haunting Them, Contemporary Michigan Literature*. The book was just chosen by the Library of Michigan as one of 20 Michigan Notable Books for 2012. Taylor co-edited *Ghost Writers* with author Laura Kasischke.

They asked 12 celebrated Michigan writers to submit new stories on the theme of ghosts. The resulting collection is a mix of tales with diverse

settings, tones, and styles. Some are true stories written by non-believers, while others are fiction and can be funny, bittersweet, spooky, or sinister. All share Michigan as a setting. Bayliss Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

Taylor was born in Canada, grew up in Indiana, and earned his master’s degree in English at Central Michigan University. He has worked at various jobs, including as a bookseller in Ann Arbor for more than 20 years.

Taylor coordinates the undergraduate program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan and directs the Bear River Writers Conference at Walloon Lake. Recently, he became the Poetry Editor at Michigan Quarterly Review. He has published 10 books and won such awards as a fellowship in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts. His books will be available for purchase and signing at his events.

All three events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact CCHS at cchs@sault.com, LSSU at jrose@lssu.edu, and Bayliss Library at 906-632-9331.

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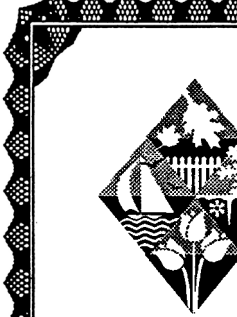


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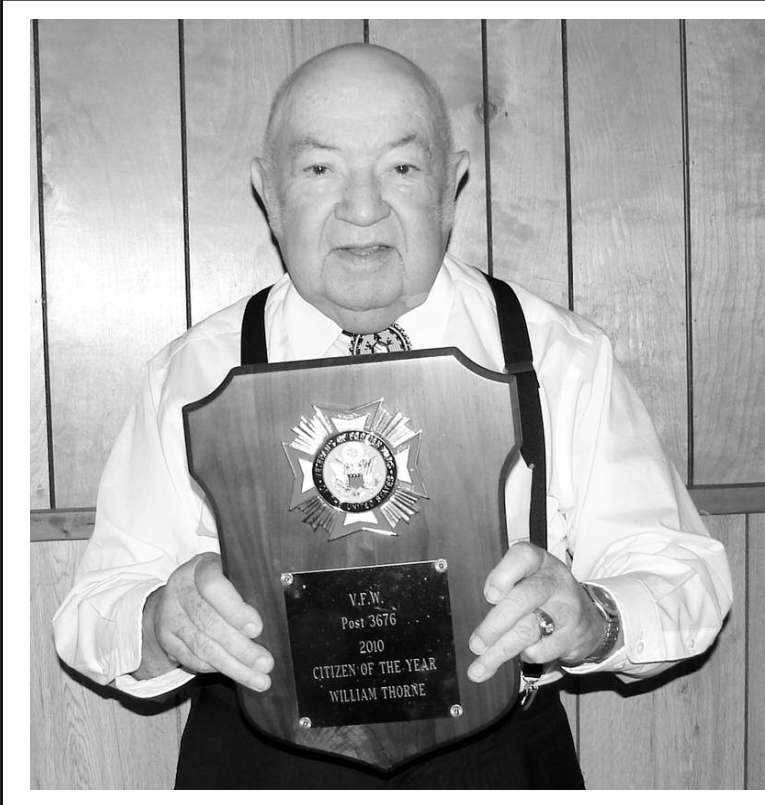
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# Brimley Elementary holds annual Christmas concert



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS! — On Dec. 20, Brimley Elementary School entertained the community once more with their annual Christmas Concert. Each class performed a special Christmas song and the High School Band and Choir added their talents to the mix. Pictured above and below are the students from Mrs. Osborne's and Mrs. Hutchins' classes who performed a very lively rendition of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," which left the audience rolling in the aisles. At the far bottom, third grade students from Mrs. Carrick's and Mrs. Ver Strate's classes sang "Feliz Navidad," all under the direction of Mrs. Burrows. LORI MILLS/BAY MILLS NEWS



MANY HONORS — Bay Mills Indian Community member Bill Thorne displays one of the many honors he has garnered over his 65-year career in broadcasting. He was chosen as Chippewa County Citizen of the Year for 2010, which he described as his "most prestigious award." At the age of 80, Thorne continues to broadcast his two shows: "Four Horsemen" from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, which has been on the air for over 40 years; and his gospel hour from 10 to 11 on Sundays, which he has been doing for 54 years. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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# Announcements

### Gather for teachings

A family cultural gathering, featuring story telling and traditional teachings, will be held Saturday, Jan. 21 at Migizi Hall on the West Campus of Bay Mills Community College from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The free event is an opportunity for community members to take time from their busy lives to relax, learn and have fun, and is hosted by the cultural department and the Journey to Healing program. For more information or to sign up, call Ruby Hatfield at 906-248-8312 or Anna Rogers-Stout at 8311.

### Have breakfast at the barn

The Sault Ste. Marie Snowmobile Association will hold a fundraiser the third Saturday of the next three months: Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 17. Called “Breakfast at the Barn,” the event is held in Sault Ste. Marie at the Associations’ clubhouse at 1205 West 9th Street, off Easterday Avenue, west of I-75. A suggested donation of \$5 will get you a deli-

cious, hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausage with juice, coffee or hot chocolate. Ask for a groomer ride as well. For more information, visit [www.sootrails.org](http://www.sootrails.org).

### Attend a comedy

The Chippewa Theater Guild will present the comedy, “Same Time, Next Year” at The Guild Theater, 700 Eureka Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

The play, written by Bernard Slade and directed by James Taylor, is about an adulterous couple who meet one weekend a year for 26 years.

Show times are Thursday, Jan. 26 through Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Box office opens at 7 p.m. for evening performances and 1:30 p.m. for the matinee.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students and are available at the door or by calling Colleen at 906-632-7090 for reservations.

Visit [www.chippewatheater-guild.com](http://www.chippewatheater-guild.com) for further details.

### Try out for a comedy

The Chippewa Theater Guild will hold auditions for the musical comedy, “Nunsense III, The Jamboree!” on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 510 Bingham Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

The play was written by Dan Goggin and will be directed by Lise White, with six female roles and one male role available. No prepared material is required.

Production dates will be April 19 to 22 at the Guild Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Call Colleen at 906-632-7090 for further information or visit [www.chippewatheater-guild.com](http://www.chippewatheater-guild.com).

### Adopt a cat

Chippewa County Animal Shelter is holding their January 2012 Lucky Black Cat Special: Adopt a black cat from now until Jan. 31 for only \$5. A certificate for a free spay/neuter surgery will be provided upon adoption, if the cat isn’t already fixed. The shelter is located at 3660 South Mackinac

Trail in Sault Ste. Marie and is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Volleyball tourney planned

The Fourth Annual Jackie Leapley Memorial Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at Brimley High School. The co-ed tournament allows no more than three men on the court. Registration costs \$120 per team and can be completed by calling Beth Hill at 906-440-1053 or Candice Leapley at 906-322-7004 prior to the registration deadline of Saturday, Feb. 11.

Volunteers are welcome. All proceeds will go toward the Jackie Leapley Scholarship Fund.

### Police looking for assistance

The Sault Ste. Marie Police Department is investigating a fire that damaged a memorial gazebo in Sault Ste. Marie and a theft of copper wire from a cell phone tower site in Dafter.

Sometime between Wednesday,

Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, a memorial gazebo located at a residence on the 900 block of John Street in Sault Ste. Marie sustained minor damage due to a fire of an unknown origin. The gazebo is normally left open to friends and family and does not have any electrical hazards or flammables that could have caused the fire without an outside ignition source.

Also, sometime between Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, thieves cut and removed a large length of copper wire from a generator plant located at a cell phone tower site on Mackinac Trail in Dafter. The stolen cable is estimated at approximately \$1,500.

Those with information about these crimes or any other crimes, are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-465-7867 or visiting [www.sault-crimestoppers.com](http://www.sault-crimestoppers.com). The call will stay anonymous and if the tip leads to an arrest, the caller could receive up to \$1,000 for the information.

## Gov. Snyder to deliver state budget proposal on Feb. 9

LANSING (AP) — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder will present his budget proposal on Feb. 9, said a spokesman for State Budget Director John Nixon.

Kurt Weiss said the Republican governor again will make the budget presentation himself, as he did last year, with Nixon aiding in the presentation. A location and other details still are being worked out.

The 2012-13 budget proposal covers the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 and will be closely watched to see if additional money is put into areas that were cut in the current budget. Critics say the governor’s first budget took too much from public schools, universities, local governments and social services. The current budget also ended many tax breaks for individuals and specific businesses while lowering business taxes overall.

Snyder told the Associated Press last month that he thinks the state will be “finished with the cut model” for schools in his new budget proposal. He’d like to tie at least some K-12 funding in 2012-13 to student achievement, so school districts where students learn more get additional money. He plans to work with the Legislature to decide how best to measure what students are learning, he said.

The governor urged lawmakers last year to pass the budget quickly, and the GOP-controlled House and Senate complied by putting a budget in place by June 1, the earliest date in three decades. It’s a model Snyder plans to say should be repeated this year.

He’s also expected to call for ending the guarantee of retiree health care for any new teachers hired in coming years, instead giving them a contribution toward their defined contribution retirement plans to cover health care costs when they retire.

The Senate Fiscal Agency anticipates state revenues will increase less than 1 percent in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

## Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program set for Upper Peninsula Feb. 24 to 26

Women seeking the opportunity to improve their outdoor skills are invited to register for the 12th annual Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) winter program in the Upper Peninsula. The program will be held in Big Bay on Feb. 24-26.

Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this program offers instruction in more than a dozen kinds of indoor and outdoor activities, including cross-country skiing, dog sledding, ice fishing, fly tying, wilderness first aid, wood burning and more. Instructors provide basic and advanced instruction that is tailored to each participant’s individual ability.

The program takes place at Bay Cliff Health Camp, a universally accessible facility, located in a picturesque wooded setting overlooking Lake Superior approximately 30 miles north of Marquette.

The \$180 registration fee includes all food and lodging, as well as most equipment and sup-

plies, except as noted in the registration materials. Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities including a sauna and hiking trails with access to Lake Superior.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops are for women, 18 and older, who wish to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere. The winter BOW program also includes special evening programs during the weekend event.

Early registration is recommended as the program fills quickly each year. Class information and registration materials are available online at [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow), and payments may now be made online as well. For more information, contact Sharon Pitz at the DNR office in Marquette at 906-

228-6561 or send an e-mail to [pitzs@michigan.gov](mailto:pitzs@michigan.gov).

Many other outdoors programs for women are scheduled across Michigan. To learn more about these additional opportunities, check the BOW website or contact Sue Tabor at 517-241-2225; e-mail: [dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov).



### Malloy, Tadgerson bag elk

After hunting for several days, on Dec. 18 Bay Mills tribal member Marcia Malloy (far left) bagged a 478.5 pound, 5 x 5 elk in Atlanta, Mich., near Vanderbilt.



Cole Tadgerson shot this 450 pound, 6x6, after being in the field no more than 10 minutes on opening day. He shot it with a .308 on Nov. 25 and it was the first one of the season to be brought into the weigh station in Atlanta.

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## Lighting and fireworks kick off bridge’s anniversary celebration

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Recognizing the importance of the International Bridge to both the U.S. and Canada, leaders from Sault, Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. held a ceremony commemorating the bridge’s 50th year in operation on June 28 at the Roberta Bondar Pavillion, in Sault, Ont.

The event, dubbed “A Celebration of International Friendship,” also marked the 100th year as a city for Sault, Ontario. Events were broadcast across the border at Soo Locks Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., which included a colorful fireworks display to round out the evening.

The International Bridge project took 18 months to complete and was no easy feat. One of the biggest challenges was the weather as wind gusts hit 40 mph and temperatures dipped well below zero in the win-

ter months. Another challenge was making the bridge tall enough to accommodate shipping traffic from below as it crosses the St. Mary’s River. The bridge was opened to traffic in 1962 and cost \$20 million to build, but no fatalities were recorded during construction.

Prior to the bridge, traffic was managed by a ferry system. Today, nearly 2 million vehicles cross the bridge annually making it a key factor in merging international commerce. To date, more than 93 million vehicles have crossed the bridge.

“The association between the two cities is pretty well endless, from health services, educational assistance and fire protection, the collaboration goes on and on,” said IBA Vice Chairman Jim McIntyre. Fellow IBA board member Scott Shackleton agreed with McIntyre’s statement, noting “the bridge makes the two communities into one and the importance of the bridge cannot

be overstated.”

In recognition of the anniversary, more than 5,000 feet of lighted, colored rope adorned the spans and was lit during ceremonies. Blue and red lights decorate the U.S. arch, while white and red decorate the Canadian arch.

According to IBA General Manager Phil Becker, hanging of the lights was a large endeavor that took many months to complete, but was done safely. The lights will remain in place as long as they are functional.

The bridge itself is 2.8 miles long and is open to vehicle and bicycle traffic. Unlike other bridges, the International Bridge operates solely upon toll revenues and does not receive state, federal funding or provincial funding. The Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge is one of the only crossing points among 300 miles of shared border between the U.S. and Canada.

## Laws governing reservation boundaries clarified

BAY MILLS — While medical marijuana and riding a motorcycle without a helmet may be legal under Michigan state law, laws governing Bay Mills Indian Community continue to make both illegal.

Even those holding a state medical marijuana card are in violation if they carry or use marijuana within reservation boundaries, as Bay Mills abides by federal law, which currently makes possession or use of marijuana a criminal offense.

For motorcyclists traveling in the area, Bay Mills Police have the ability to cite individuals civilly for violating the tribal helmet ordinance.

In response to growing concerns over the trend of synthetic drugs, such as bath salts and K2 (synthetic marijuana), Bay Mills Executive Council recently took action to ban these types of drugs on the reservation as well.

They have been removed from store shelves in Chippewa County and were recently made illegal in the state by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Another ordinance that recently changed was the blood alcohol limit in Bay Mills, bringing it in line with Michigan state law. Those with a BAC of .80 or higher will now be considered legally intoxicated. This eliminates any disparity for officers between on and off reservation stops.

## School seeks funds to replace roof

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Roofing on Brimley Area Schools is leaking and needs to be replaced. Area residents will soon be asked to contribute toward the much-needed repairs, but school administration has come up with a method to save them some money.

Costs for the entire roofing project are estimated at \$450,000 but Rod Goehmann, school superintendent, has proposed an alternate plan to the usual request for a bond to cover the entire amount. The school board has approved requesting 1.5 mills for a sinking fund, rather than a bond issue.

Goehmann said he has used the sinking fund method at other school districts he has worked for, but this will be the first time Brimley School has presented this alternative method to taxpayers. Since roofing replacement was an unexpected expense, it was not in the budget; the board determined that a sinking fund would be the least costly method for the school and taxpayers to bear.

He explained that the sinking fund would divvy up the estimated roofing costs at \$150,000 each year for three years. In June 2013, the school would spend the entire \$150,000 raised by the levy to replace roofs originally installed in 1988. In June 2014, the sinking fund would then spend the next \$150,000 raised in replacing roofs first installed in 1993, and in June 2015, roofs installed in 2000 would be replaced through the sinking fund for the final \$150,000 raised. The 1.5 mill increase would end after the allotted three-year period.

There would be a substantial savings by using the sinking fund to raise the necessary funds rather than a bond. A bond would be issued for the entire \$450,000 and be paid back to the bond issuer over a 10-year period, incurring legal fees of \$28,000 as well as interest costs ranging from \$81,000 at a 3 percent rate to \$108,000 at a 4 percent rate.

The sinking fund millage is a limited property tax, a “pay-as-you-go” method for smaller building remodeling projects and repair needs. State law allows a district to only levy a sinking fund millage of up to 5 mills and for no longer than 20 years. The tax is levied each year and the revenue generated from this levy is used to make the repairs identified by the district. Because the district hasn’t borrowed for the projects, it does not have to pay interest on the money used.

By law, the State of Michigan has requirements for public school districts that fund repairs through sinking fund millage levies. The law specifies what is considered an allowable use and what reporting and audit requirements are expected. If it is found that the funds from a sinking fund millage were not used in accordance with the requirements outlined in the law, a district will forfeit any additional millage revenues from the sinking fund levy and will not be allowed to levy that sinking fund millage again.

Currently Brimley Area School district residents pay a non-residential property tax of 18 mills, or \$18 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, with a Headlee Amendment of 2.547 mills. The millage includes several past school issues, which added 1.07 mills in 1988, 3.75 mills in 1999 and another .98 mills in 2008. If voted in, the sinking fund will add another 1.5 mills, but only from 2012 through 2014.

The head of maintenance at the school has found several punctures in the roofing of the elementary and middle school building, said Goehmann, and has had to place buckets to catch leaks during heavy rainfall. These are flat roofs, covered with either Duro-Last or Fiber-Tite PVC membrane and are past their warranty.

The new high school building in contrast, has a pitched roof covered in shingles with a 20-year warranty. Only the roofs of the older building are in need of repairs and will be replaced with PVC membrane again.

The proposal will be added to the annual state primary election to be held Aug. 7 under “Proposal Section, Local School District, Brimley Area Schools” as “Millage Proposal Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy.” If the proposal does not pass in the Aug. 7 election, the school has until Aug. 14 to add it to the Nov. 6 ballot. It is up to voters to decide whether Brimley students will continue to have raindrops falling on their heads.

## Employee Summer Fest to be held July 29 for Bay Mills employees

BAY MILLS — The annual festival for Bay Mills Indian Community employees and their families will be held on Sunday, July 29 at the Bay Mills Ball Diamond. Most events will begin at noon, while softball games will begin at 10 a.m. This all day event is geared towards all ages. There will be games for children, Euro Bungee Jump, prizes, and food and drink for everyone.

The annual softball tourney will recognize the teams with the most team spirit and best uniforms. The boxcar competition will begin between 6 and 8 p.m. to raise funds for local scholarships. Be creative with your entry to earn a prize. In the past six years, more than \$20,000 has been raised and contributed. Live music will start in the afternoon and continue throughout the evening.

In addition to events at the ball diamond, this year tribal elder Web Kinney will be holding an archery shoot at the charter school with bows and arrows being supplied.

All children must leave the event by 9 p.m. No pets are allowed. Employees are being reminded they cannot call in to attend the event. Anyone with questions about the event can contact the Human Resources Department.



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TRADITION LIVES ON — Bay Mills Indian Community’s 21st Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow was held June 29 to July 1. Dancers from across the country attended. For more photos, see page 21.



# Brimley celebrates 4th of July with patriotic fervor



**STARS & STRIPES** — In a profusion of stars and stripes, Brimley celebrated the birthday of the United States with a parade that included floats, antique cars and tractors, wailing sirens and much candy gathering. In an election year, this year's parade also provided a place for politicians to advertise for a few votes. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society also held a flea market, bake sale and kid's games at the Train Museum.

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# House bill that threatens tribal lands, now heads to Senate

*If passed, Homeland Security could take jurisdiction over lands within 100-mile range of U.S. borders*

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Under the guise of “security issues,” House Republicans are attempting to take unprecedented measures in gaining access to tribal lands currently managed by the Department of Interior.

H.R. 1505, buried in an omnibus land management package — H.R. 2578 “Conservation and Economic Growth Act” — would give Homeland Security, particularly Border Patrol, the authority to take control of “all land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture within 100 miles of the international land borders of the U.S.”

The bill, which passed the House on June 19, 232-188, would not restrict legal land uses such as grazing, hunting or mining, but it does list 30 acts that H.R. 1505 would waive, including the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Air Act, and the Archeological Resources Protection Act, which protects sacred sites. Activities that

would be authorized for Homeland Security, if approved, would include surveillance activities, construction of roads and buildings, and use of aircraft.

The bill is being considered a “giant land grab” by opponents, which includes the National Congress of American Indians and the Sierra Club.

The U.S. Border Patrol itself has no interest in gaining control of the lands. U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has referred to the bill as “unnecessary” and “bad policy.” In March, she testified before committee saying, “we don’t need it for our immediate border control needs” noting memorandums of understanding are already in place with tribes,

particularly in regards to security issues.

Tribes that would be locally affected by this include Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, both of which reside along the international border shared with Canada.

On June 22, Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron wrote a letter to Montana Democrat Sen. Jon Tester citing the bill “was a grave concern to Bay Mills Indian Community,” noting it strips tribes of sovereignty and control over their lands. Tester has been one of the most vocal opponents to the legislation, as he believes it would jeopardize Montana’s public lands and the

environment. He has been working with tribal leaders on the issue and said he believes the nation can be protected “without trampling tribal rights.”

No input was sought from tribal communities or leadership about this bill before it went to

the House. The House Committee specifically rejected language exempting tribal land from the bill. The bill was sent to the Senate on June 20 for consideration and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.



Fundraiser planned for local family

A fundraiser has been planned for Terry Deuman on Wednesday July 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Brimley VFW. Terry is battling esophageal cancer and is currently under treatment. Dinner will include burgers, brats, salads, desserts and a drink. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under age 7. For more information contact Tammy Ellis at 906-322-3650. Donations may also be mailed to Terry c/o Tammy Ellis P.O. Box 43, Brimley MI 49715.

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# OPINION

## Progress being made for students, transportation and homeowners

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

Before the July 4th holiday, the Senate took several important steps in three important policy areas to move our nation forward. Our last action before the holiday was to pass a single bill that prevented a pending student-loan interest rate hike that would have made college less affordable for American students and their families; made important investments in our roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure; and reauthorizes the flood insurance program that provides security to millions of Americans.

The first item, the student loan provisions, met a critical deadline. We averted a looming increase in student loan interest rates that would have taken effect July 1. That interest rate was scheduled to double, an increase that Americans already struggling to pay for higher education simply could not afford. Extending the current 3.4 percent interest rate for another year lifts a significant burden, financial and emotional, from students and their families who were looking to us for action.

We also approved a long-term reauthorization of our nation’s transportation programs that was long overdue.

Investing in transportation infrastructure creates jobs and improves our international competitiveness. We create more than 35,000 jobs

for every \$1 billion in federal funds we spend on transportation infrastructure. The bill will create or preserve an estimated 3 million jobs nationwide. In Michigan, the bill will provide more than \$2 billion over the next two years for road projects, and another \$261 million over the next two years for Michigan transit projects. Funding transportation infrastructure improvements at robust levels is one of the most obvious things we can do to help boost the U.S. economy.

Of special importance to the Great Lakes region, the bill included a provision directing the Corps of Engineers to accelerate its feasibility study of preventing the transfer of aquatic invasive species, such as the destructive Asian carp, between the basins of the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. While the Corps is planning to produce an interim report at the end of 2013, this provision would require a full feasibility report that would also include a recommendation for implementing preventative measures. Accelerating this study will put us on a better track to protect our \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery that supports thousands of jobs.

The conference agreement includes a provision regarding harbor maintenance that is based on an amendment to the Senate transportation bill. This is the first time we have addressed harbor maintenance

in a transportation bill, and including this language will help elevate this important issue and strengthen momentum to use trust fund receipts for harbor maintenance.

On the third important issue, the bill will provide some much needed equity to Michigan and other states through a five-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Michigan residents have paid over six times more in premiums than they have received in payouts from the National Flood Insurance Program. We must correct this disparity, and the bill we passed takes some steps to do so in requiring premiums that reflect the true risk of flooding.

The conference report will end subsidies for “repetitive loss properties” that continue to be rebuilt in high risk areas. It will also end subsidized rates for vacation homes and businesses located in high risk areas, many of which have received subsidized rates for more than 30 years.

Congress doesn’t always work as quickly or effectively as we’d like, but on this legislation, we have acted to protect college students and their families from rising costs, made important investments in our transportation system, and continued protection from natural disasters in a way that is more fair to Michigan.



## The Internet, mental illness and you

### Tyrades!

By Danny Tyree

“Is The Web Driving Us Mad?” asks a recent Newsweek cover story.

According to the article, there is now a growing body of evidence that our fascination with the Internet, smartphones, video games and related technology has become a clinical ADDICTION. Our ever-present hobbies have contributed to loneliness, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention-deficit disorder and “the sad delusion that the awful figurine you bought via Craigslist DOES-N’T make your whole den look tacky.”

I am not immune to the phenomenon. I admit to experiencing a certain endorphin rush when I Google my name and see that some newspaper has been kind enough to print one of my columns, and then becoming irritable when I have to wait for new stimuli. (But is this unique to electronic social media? Does it really differ from Delores becoming anxious when Madge is late bringing juicy neighborhood gossip to the backyard fence?)

Not only do social media rob us of exercise, nature appreciation and face-to-face human contact, but supposedly our hunger for email, Facebook posts, and Twitter tweets is rewiring the human brain — and not in a good way. Scientists proclaim these warnings with confidence because “Hey, we’ve already said everything and its brother causes CANCER; now brain rewiring has dibs on the spotlight.”

Admittedly, our brains have allegedly been rewired by just about every available scapegoat, going back through Walkman, Marilyn Monroe, Uncle Miltie, jazz, Alexander Graham Bell, gunpowder... Some of the oldest cave drawings have

been translated to say, “Look, you can hunt or you can gather. I refuse to take any responsibility for the health of your cerebral cortex if you use the old Saber-toothed tiger burial ground to start a garden.”

Can’t someone do something to make the much-vaunted Real World more interesting, so we don’t face such electronic temptations? Couldn’t innocent-looking turtles be trained to perform hilarious head butts to the groin? Can we at least have some zany sound effects when great-aunts deliver such scintillating comments as “My, you’re getting so tall — and your cheeks still have such resiliency when I pinch them” and “Do the hep young folks still cut a rug to the sounds of Perry Como?”

Parents, start training little ladies and gentlemen how to bow, how to curtsy and How To Literally Roll On The Floor Laughing Your Butt Off. Hurry.

I hear plans for a federal addiction-breaking czar are in the works. Strategies call for addicts to be swept up and forced to chat on the front porch, listen to the warbling of non-angry birds and share warm family memories around the supper table.

Hey, who needs a weather map app or online tutorials when you can enjoy “Quite a dry spell, ain’t it?” and How To Stop Making Faces At Your Sister For Dummies?

Of course things could backfire. Unplugging our devices and taking a long nature hike could make us even more anxious to get home and post about the world of deer poop, mosquitoes, hornets, spiders and PARASITIC WORMS.

The clock is ticking. President Obama is expected to announce, “This brain rewiring is not the sort of CHANGE we should be HOPING for. I’ll get right on this and — what? All the rewiring is being done by the electricians’ union? Never mind.”

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## VAWA tribal provisions are constitutionally sound

By Jefferson Keel

President, National Congress of American Indians

There is a group of criminals, on Native American lands, who assault, rape, and abuse Native women and they can’t be arrested. These criminals are non-Native men. They don’t have to face a judge, spend any time behind bars, or be hounded by a criminal record. Instead they remain free to go after the next victim or the same one, time after time. Congress, the one legal body able to fix this problem, could let these injustices continue if they don’t act.

The epidemic of violence against women on tribal lands is staggering; 34 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in their lifetimes, 39 percent will experience domestic violence, and as a Department of Justice study found, non-Indians commit 88 percent of these heinous crimes. Tribal justice systems are the most appropriate entities to root out these criminals, yet they are the ones with tied hands—restricted by antiquated jurisdictional laws established by the U.S. government limiting tribes from prosecuting non-Native criminals.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen members of Congress from both sides of the aisle work to pass a law that would give tribes the authority over these criminals; the Violence Against Women Act. The proposed tribal provisions of the law, passed with bipartisan support in the Senate, are now being left out of the main House of Representatives version of VAWA. Some members of the House fear they don’t have the power to fix the problem or are afraid non-Natives will be subject to tribal law and not guaranteed their constitutional rights.

The reality is the tribal provisions of VAWA are fully constitutional and offer every safeguard provided by U.S. courts — more importantly they are vital to curtailing a very real problem.

In a recent letter to Congress, 50 leading U.S. law professors outlined their confidence in the constitutionality of the legislation. At the core of the letter, the lawyers highlighted the Supreme Court case law supporting Congressional authority and the requisite safeguards of the provisions offered to every defendant.

The Supreme Court in U.S. v. Lara, 541 U.S. 193 (2004), held that “Congress does possess the constitutional power to lift the restrictions on the tribes’ criminal jurisdiction.” Moreover, the VAWA provisions at issue are designed to catch a very narrow set of criminals, not just anyone. They are limited to only crimes of domestic violence or dating violence committed in Indian country, where the defendant is a spouse or established intimate partner of a tribal member.

Defendants prosecuted under these provisions would be entitled to the full array of constitutional protections: due-process rights, an indigent defendant’s right to appointed counsel (at the expense of the tribe) that meets federal constitutional standards, and as the proposed law states, “all other rights whose protection is necessary under the Constitution of the United States.” This includes the right to petition a federal court for habeas corpus to challenge any conviction and to stay detention prior to review, a right of which the prosecuting tribe must timely notify the defendant.

Finally, any non-Indian defendant prosecuted under these new provisions has the right to a trial by jury drawn from sources that do not systematically exclude any distinctive group in the community, including non-Indians.

These provisions offer tribal governments and the United States an opportunity to advance our cause together and root out this epidemic of violence. If Congress removes the restrictions placed on tribal governments, tribal law enforcement, and tribal courts, Native and non-Native communities alike will have the means to protect our women and remove criminals from our lands.

Tribal governments are members of the American family of governments, rooted in the constitution itself — we are America’s first nations. We are ready to work together to end this violence. Yet, it is Congress that must take the first step to remove the restrictions placed on tribal governments.

When Congress does act, it is my hope that it will be to allow our governments and justice systems to stand together to keep every American and Native American, safe, and demonstrate our commitment to our greatest shared value: justice for all.

Keel is the president of the National Congress of American Indians, the nation’s largest and oldest American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization and is the Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, located in Oklahoma.

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# Historic Water Street re-opens

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — A new streetscape isn’t the most likely project to come out of a sewer project, but that’s exactly what happened along Water Street. When the sewer project began in 2009, city officials thought it only made sense to improve the area as a whole at the same time.

The end result is a walkway with stone benches, landscaping, and most notably 33 panels that stretch from the Ojibway Hotel to the Water Street Historic Homes that display how the city of Sault Ste. Marie evolved. The panels depict the area’s geologic history, and include Native American and European contributions, which according to City Manager Spencer Nebel, was no small feat.

While there was an abundance of information out there about the history, making sure it was accurate was another matter. To ensure the final product was correct, a collaboration took place between city officials, Chippewa County Historical Society, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Bay Mills Indian Community.

On July 12 the final product was unveiled and opened to the public in a ceremony opened by Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous.

“These kinds of activities strengthen our focus on the history of our area,” said Bosbous in his opening remarks.

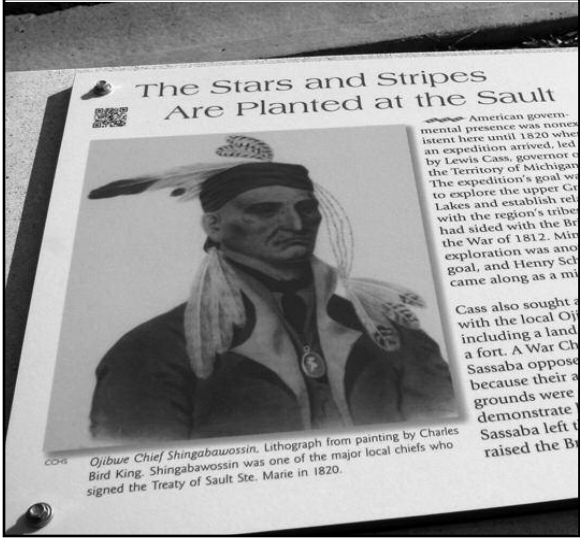
Nebel also addressed the crowd and said he hopes this will be a place that people gather, learn and enjoy for years to come.

“Each panel tells a story, and this is the place where it all began,” said Nebel. “This will be an important part of this community for generations to come.”

Nebel went on to thank tribal historians for their assistance in the project.

“We wanted to make sure we discussed our entire history and that we were being appropriate in our wording of it.”

Water Street is also the location of ancestral Indian remains. One of the first projects the tribes collaborated with the city, state, and federal government on in Sault Ste. Marie was making sure these remains were



Above is a panel featuring the story of Ojibwe Chief Shingabawossin, just one of 33 panels along Water Street telling the tale of Sault Ste. Marie’s history. Below, Sault Tribe’s Cultural Repatriation Specialist, Cecil Pavlat, sings a traditional song to open the ceremony.



preserved and protected as a burial ground. This cooperation paved the way for further projects.

“We were glad to participate in this collaboration and happy our input was sought,” said Paula Carrick of Bay Mills History Dept. “We look forward to working together on other projects in the future.” Carrick and her sister, Wanda Perron, worked closely to make sure the Native American history depicted was accurate.

## Chippewa County airport receives grant

KINCHELOE – Chippewa County International Airport in Kincheloe will receive a \$1.3 million federal grant to help pay for new snow-removal equipment and runway and taxiway improvements, Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow announced earlier this month.

“Airports are a vital link to an increasingly global economy, and we have to make the right investments to maintain that important link,” Levin said. “Today’s grant announcement is good news for travelers, business and workers in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities.”

“Making air travel more efficient will provide a boost to the region’s economy and will support our local businesses,” Stabenow said. “These improvements will help Chippewa County International Airport keep our families and visitors safe and reduce flight delays.”

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**SINKING FUND MILLAGE**

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|----------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1988     | JUNE 2013            | \$150,000      |
| 1993     | JUNE 2014            | \$150,000      |
| 2000/01  | JUNE 2015            | \$150,000      |

The concept of a Sinking Fund Levy is to avoid the interest and fee costs of a bond issue. We are proposing a new tax levy of 1.5 mills for 3 years. This levy will be collected for 3 years only, and will be spent each summer to replace a section of the roof as shown in the schedule above. The fees for a \$450,000 bond issue would be \$28,000, and the interest would range from \$81,000 (@3%) to \$108,000 (@ 4%). This roof replacement project using the Sinking Fund idea would save the taxpayers all of that interest and fees. Below is the proposal as it will appear on the ballot.

| PROPOSAL SECTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Taxable Value | New Tax |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |         |
| BRIMLEY AREA SCHOOLS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |         |
| MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$250,000     | \$375   |
| Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Brimley Area Schools, Chippewa County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2012, 2013 and 2014, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, including roof replacement, and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$158,581? | \$200,000     | \$300   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$150,000     | \$225   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$100,000     | \$150   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 50,000     | \$ 75   |
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# Bernie Arbic wins prestigious U.P. History Award

On June 23, Dr. Bernard J. Arbic received one of the Historical Society of Michigan’s top awards at the 63rd Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference in Sault Ste. Marie.

Arbic, of Sault Ste. Marie, was awarded the Charles Follo Award, which is presented each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history.

The award was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Charles Follo, an Escanaba teacher who promoted and helped advance historical understanding of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

For the past two decades, Arbic has devoted his time to a variety of projects that have preserved the history of Chippewa County and made that history both exciting

and accessible to the general public.

Starting with his first book, *Sugar Island Sampler* (1992), Arbic has authored six books on Upper Peninsula history and has published several articles in Michigan History and Lake Superior magazines.

He has conducted numerous oral histories, curated several photography exhibits, and chaired a project that digitized many of the photographs and negatives in the Chippewa County Historical Society’s (CCHS) archives.

Most recently, he served as chair and lead writer for the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s project to install outdoor signage along historic Water Street.

Arbic also has participated in the annual CCHS production of “Dinner with the John Johnstons,”

for which he has played the role of a voyageur as well as provided musical entertainment. He has also served as a docent at the John Johnston House, where he helped create a musical program for the museum’s 2006 grand opening.

Arbic’s other projects have included the production of a teacher’s guide on the history of the Sault; countless presentations to school and civic groups; and serving as the advisor for film and news media documentaries.

The Charles Follo Award is presented each year at the Historical Society of Michigan’s U.P. History Conference. Recent CCHS-affiliated winners include Yvonne Hogue-Peer, Robert Money, and Nancy Steinhaus. For more information about the Society’s awards, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org).



Above is award winner Bernard Arbic with Historical Society of Michigan Vice President Richard Wiener.

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## Get out and ride with the Bike Program

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — You may have noticed extra wheels on the road lately — bicyclists that is.

Bay Mills Indian Community’s Biology Department received a grant to promote physical activity and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions earlier this year. As one facet of the program they were able to purchase an abundance of bicycles for community use. The bikes are stored at the Bay Mills Medical Center and range from street bikes to mountain bikes to tandem bikes.

“The bike program is for everyone; big, small, medium, it doesn’t matter. Take a bike, get out of the car and experience life around you. Don’t just pass it by,” said Jake Parish of the Biology Department.

The program runs similarly to that of a library. An

individual can go into the Medical Center and check out a bike for an hour or for a week. After that they can call in to Angie LeBlanc at Community Health and request another week if so desired.

The program began in June and has been a great success thus far. The community seems very excited about the program and have been using the bicycles on a daily basis, according to LeBlanc.

“Riding a bike is a fun way to exercise, along with helping reduce greenhouse gas emission. Just 30 minutes of riding a bicycle burns 300 calories, increases muscle tone, and helps reduce stress. After a bike ride you will feel more energized and accomplished,” said LeBlanc.

The program is open to all community members, not just tribal members. For more information about the program or how to get a bicycle call 906-248-8314.

## Indian Health Care Act permanently reauthorized as part of health care plan

WASHINGTON, DC – In a 5-4 decision the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), affirming the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) which passed along with the ACA.

“This is an important step for health care in Indian Country; the permanence of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act has been affirmed and NCAI will stay focused on working with all members of Congress to uphold the trust responsibility to tribes,” said Jefferson Keel, President of

NCAI, the nation’s oldest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization. “Moving forward, we are focused on improving health care for Indian Country, while ensuring the Indian Health Care Improvement Act remains protected and implemented as enacted.”

The IHCIA permanently authorizes daily health care delivery to nearly 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives served by the Indian Health Service (IHS), who are in critical need of improved health care services. A snapshot of health conditions highlights the critical need for improving health care in Indian Country; Native people suffer from higher rates of diabetes and related illness, heart disease, and substance abuse than any other group.

The IHCIA authorizes new programs within the IHS to ensure the Service is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. For example, it includes:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental

and behavioral health treatment and prevention;

- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;
- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;
- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs;
- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction;
- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services;
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals;
- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans; and
- New authorities for urban Indian health programs.

The passage of the IHCIA on March 23, 2010 represented a fourteen year long effort by NCAI, tribal leaders, and advocates to make permanent the legislative commitment by the federal government to deliver health care for American Indian and Alaska Natives. The IHCIA was originally passed in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000.

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# Tugboat series, ‘Great Lake Warriors,’ to premiere on cable

Series begins Thursday, July 19 at 10 p.m. on the History Channel

NEW YORK — In the heart of America, on a deadly inland sea that has claimed as many as 6,000 vessels and 30,000 lives, a way of life exists that few ever witness.

Men who breathe diesel fumes and watch every step they take on shifting decks.

Men who battle the elements, wrestle with runaway vessels, fight fatigue and sometimes risk all in the struggle to make a living.

They are tugboat men, sailors in constant combat with the deadly storms and hazards of the Great Lakes — men who work against the clock, fighting thick ice forming in every direction under treacherous winter conditions — winds whip so fierce it could knock an entire crew off deck in the blink of an eye.

A new eight-part History series, *Great Lake Warriors*, premiering Thursday, July 19, 10 p.m. ET/9C, will dive into the lives of the tough crews who call 94,000 square miles of wild blue water home.

The lakes continue to be a thriving industrial highway that delivers nearly 200 million tons of cargo to the heart of America.



Captain Mike Ojard owns Heritage Marine, a tug company on Lake Superior.

But for the months leading up to the dead of winter, only a few courageous men dare to brave these turbulent waters, where winds can hit 70 miles an hour, and waves over 30 feet high.

For some, the tug business is the family heritage.

For others, it’s a lifelong dream. But for all of the Great Lake Warriors, it’s a life-on-the-line mission to get the job done and make it back home alive.

The main characters are: Captain John Selwick — Known as ‘The Legend’ on the lakes, Selwick has been behind the controls of tugboats since he was seven when his father, Curly Selwick, took him on board in the cold waters around Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.

It has not been an easy life for John, now owner of Calumet River Fleeting in Chicago and Selvick Marine Towing in Sturgeon Bay. He lost his grandfather and a brother in tugboat accidents.

Their bodies were never recovered.

Capt. Ted Long — A workhorse of Calumet River Fleeting, Long is known as “Capt. Nice” for his penchant for chewing out deckhands who have slacked off.

He has followed in the footsteps of his father, a tug captain who dropped him off on a boat on Christmas Eve when he was 14.

He never looked back. Capt. Mike Ojard — A dreamer and a doer, Mike has put his

money and sometimes his life on the line in Duluth, Minn. to start a tug company on Lake Superior, the deadliest and wildest of all five Great Lakes.

He has enlisted a corps of volunteers from his circle of family and friends to carve out a piece of the tug trade on Superior.

He hopes to create a new generation of sailors in his family, one that has marine heritage in its blood.

Patrick Ojard — He still has his day job, but he loves boats as much as his father Mike.

So he and his wife sunk \$50,000 into the operation to help buy a tug.

Now a volunteer on deck and in the engine room, he is working to make sure his father’s dream comes true so that tug boating will be the family heritage.

Capt. Gerry Dawson — In Thunder Bay, Ont. Canada, on the wild north shore of Lake Superior, Gerry owns and operates a tug company that does everything — ship tows, ice

breaking, salvage, and sometimes search and rescue.

He once put his own life on the line to rescue crew from a foundering vessel in 15-foot waves and 70 knot winds.

He and his crew were awarded medals for their bravery.

Capt. Stan Dawson — Older brother of Gerry, Stan is the wild one and claims that you “don’t have to be crazy to do this, but it helps.”

He has been on the lakes since he was a teenager, working for his father.

“I can make a tugboat dance,” Stan says.

Filming was done on Lake Michigan, including Calumet Harbor, Ill.; Gary and Burns Harbors, Ind.; Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Sturgeon Bay, and Marinette, Wisc.; and on Lake Superior, including Duluth-Superior Harbor and Thunder Bay, Ont. Canada.

Great Lake Warriors was produced for History by Towers Productions, LLC and Compass Point Productions, LLC.

## Ceremony honors LeBlanc’s sacrifice

BAY MILLS — Father’s Day this year was marked with the honoring of Bay Mills Indian Community member and World War I hero, Corporal Alfred LeBlanc. His memory was honored at the Wild Bluff Golf Course during a Folds of Honor Golf Tournament, on June 17.

During the memorial service, Arlington National Cemetery Bugler Sgt. Maj. Woodrow English played Taps while a military flag was folded to honor Corp. LeBlanc. The flag was then presented to the LeBlanc family, accepted by WWII veteran William A. LeBlanc, Alfred’s nephew. The flag is now available for viewing at the Bay Mills History Department.

Alfred LeBlanc was believed to be the last known casualty of



WWI. He was killed on Nov. 11, 1918 while carrying a message between lines announcing the end of the war.

Alfred and his brother William were among several Bay Mills men who had volunteered to serve during the war and were shipped to France. Alfred was originally

buried in France, but was returned home to Bay Mills three years later. He is now interred at Mission Hill Cemetery.

Rene Norton, a U.S. Army retired disabled veteran, organized and conducted the golf tournament and memorial ceremony.

“She is especially deserving of thanks for this major undertaking which not only pays great respect to Corporal LeBlanc, but honors every fallen hero and all Armed Forces Services veterans, past and present,” said William LeBlanc.

Monies raised through the Folds of Honor Foundation awards post-secondary scholarships to the children and spouses of fallen men and women, purple-heart recipients, and disabled veterans. For more information or to apply for a scholarship, go to foldsofahonor.org.

## Tour Maple Ridge Cemetery

SAULT STE. MARIE — On Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m., the Chippewa County Historical Society will be holding a fundraiser at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Ashmun Street next to the WSOO radio station. CCHS Board members Caroline Grabowski and Paul Sabourin will present a walking tour of the cemetery based on Caroline’s extensive research of its history.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person at the gate. The event is open to the public. Please wear walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Refreshments will be provided after the tour.

Maple Ridge Cemetery, also known as Ashmun Hill Cemetery, was the village cemetery that was in use until the early 1900s. It contains over 200 burials. Riverside Cemetery that opened in 1890 replaced Maple Ridge as the city cemetery.

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## Students named Gerrish Scholarship winners

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Selected to receive \$2,500 to the college of their choice were Kody Wagner, Kristina Wicks, and Alysia Wiley. Brandi MacArthur received a \$1,500 scholarship to Bay Mills Community College.

The scholarships, named after Nick Gerrish, a former manager, founder and credit union supporter, were founded in 1986. To date the credit union has given out more than \$151,000 in educational funding to area students.

"The credit union is very honored to be able to help our members achieve a higher level of education," said Lynda Ellis, Soo Co-op Credit Union president.

Pictured at left (L-R) are Soo Co-op Credit Union Vice President Melissa McClendon, scholarship winners Brandi MacArthur, Kristina Wicks, and Kody Wagner, and Soo Co-op Credit Union's Chief Financial Officer Joy Hill.

## Students receive nursing scholarships

SAULT STE. MARIE — The generosity of employees and physicians at War Memorial Hospital provided a financial boost to three college-bound high school seniors, thanks to nursing scholarships awarded last month.

The three future nurses are: Robyn Waybrant, Brimley High School; Matthew Jacobsen, Sault Ste. Marie High School; and, Nicole LaHaie, Mackinaw City High School. Each received a \$500 scholarship.

Waybrant and Jacobsen will be pursuing nursing degrees at Lake Superior State University, while LaHaie will be headed to Northern Michigan University.

These students are already experiencing the medical field in a variety of ways. Waybrant is currently working as a Certified Nurse Aide on the hospital's 2nd Floor Medical/Surgical unit. Jacobsen worked at WMH as part of Sault High's Allied Health class and currently works as a nursing assistant at Tendercare.

"Each year we are amazed at the academic achievements of these local students who are interested in nursing as a career



Brimley High School graduate Robyn Waybrant accepts her scholarship from WMH Vice President of Nursing Sue Tetzlaff. Waybrant is one of three students who received nursing scholarships this year thanks to funds donated by hospital employees.

choice. We are glad that these scholarships can help them as they get started in their nursing education," said Sue Tetzlaff, WMH Vice President of Nursing.

Funds for the scholarships were gathered through employee

raffles, donations, and dress down days. WMH employees fund nursing scholarships annually. If there is a future nurse in your family, follow War Memorial Hospital on Facebook for application details next fall.

## Brimley Elementary School announces honor roll

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School has announced their fourth quarter honor roll for the fifth and sixth grade. The following students were named in the fifth grade: Samantha Bishop\*, Dylan Carrick\*, Kendra Carrick, Isabelle Perron, Kristyn VanSickle, David Bryer, Autumn Halvorsen\*, Jamie LaFord, Kierra Perron, and Paula Walden. For grade six, honor students are: Dante Cappelli, Jacop Hopper, Kaleb Johanson, Julia Stenglein, Beness Willis, Autumn Aikens, Michael Gordier, Joshua Gross, Sam Hopper, Zachary Hyvarinen, Holly Johnson, Christian Knoll, Nathan Recla\*, Olivia Wilcox, and Seth Wilson. An asterisk\* marks students who received all A's for the quarter.

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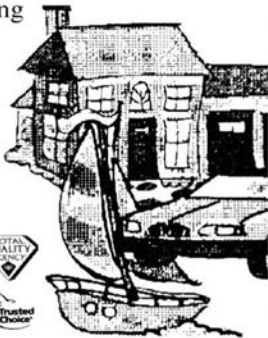
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# Watch for signs of illegal drug operations on public lands

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — Illegal drug operations, such as marijuana gardens and methamphetamine production sites, threaten public safety and also damage the environment.

For many years, the U.S. Forest Service and other law enforcement agencies have worked together to identify and clean-up illegal drug operations on National Forest lands in Michigan. In recent years, these illegal activities have increased. For example, 2010 marked the first time that authorities found marijuana grow sites on Michigan's National Forest lands operated by large drug trafficking organizations.

According to Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer, the safety of National Forest visitors and Forest Service employees is the agency's top priority. All local partner agencies are committed to keeping our National Forests' workforce and public safe, and preventing the resource damage that occurs from the illegal marijuana operations.

"While it's unlikely visitors will come across this kind of activity, we also want to make sure that hunters, hikers, campers and other recreationists know how to stay safe," said Reyer.

Most illegal drug production activity is during the spring and summer months, but the sites can remain dangerous year-round due to chemicals, explosives and other materials sometimes found on the premises.

The Forest Service's mission includes the protection and sustainability of public watersheds, native vegetation, wildlife and fisheries habitat, soils productively, and other ecosystem functions on 193 million acres nationwide.

Common signs of marijuana grows include:

- Informal, unmarked hiking trails;
- Human habitation in remote areas; signs of established camp-

- ing, cooking, and sleeping areas;
- Gardening paraphernalia like hose drip irrigation, fertilizer bags, insecticides and tools;
- Pungent strong odor. Marijuana plants can have a strong smell, especially on hot days;
- Paper cups, chicken wire, or plastic sheets. These are often used for starting and protecting plants;
- Signs of cultivation or soil disturbance in forested areas, especially in remote areas;
- Trash in remote areas;
- Propane bottles or tanks. Growers use propane to avoid smoke from campfires;
- Sights or sounds of human activity in remote forest areas;
- People sitting in the forest along forest roads. They may be growers waiting for food drops or supplies;
- Food cached near trailheads or alongside roads;
- Individuals with firearms

when hunting seasons are closed;

- Booby traps such as explosives triggered by trip wires.
- Signs of a methamphetamine production lab include the presence of: household chemicals; glassware and tubing; and cookstoves or bunson burners.

If you come across signs of illegal activity:

- Do not approach or confront the individuals present at the site; do not in any way indicate that you are suspicious of their activities!
- Immediately leave the area along the same route you entered.
- Watch for other people in the area.
- Be aware of your surroundings

at all times. In some instances, potentially dangerous devices or harmful materials might be nearby.

- Make every effort to avoid contact with suspicious packages and/or equipment; they might be highly volatile.

When you are safely away, write down a detailed description of the activities taking place, the area, the people, and any vehicles. Immediately report the activity to local law enforcement or Forest Service personnel.

If you have questions about illegal drug-related activity on the Hiawatha National Forest, please contact our law enforcement staff at 906-428-5800.

## First leg of the U.P. Triathlon Triple Crown to be held July 29 in Rudyard

RUDYARD — The annual Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K run (July 29) is the first leg of the fifth annual Upper Peninsula Triathlon Triple Crown which also includes the established triathlon races in Curtis (Aug. 4) and in Grand Marais (Sept. 2).

Participants who choose to enter all three races will not only be challenged by entering all the races but will also be eligible for additional awards. Athletes interested in the U.P. Triathlon Triple Crown can register at the Rudyard event on July 29.

The Rudyard Lions Summerfest Triathlon and 5K run will be held on Sunday, July 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the Rudyard Area School's Larry G. Davis swimming pool. The triathlon is a reverse order event beginning with a 5K (3.2 miles) run on a paved "out and back" course. Next is the bike course 24.3K (15.1 miles) that follows the I-75 Business Spur east to Kallio Road, circles Kinross Lake and returns back to the Rudyard swimming pool for a 1/2K swim (22 lengths of the pool). Registration fee to participate in the individual triathlon is \$35.

Since the Rudyard triathlon starts with the run, all contestants, including those choosing to do just the 5K run, start at the same time. Separate finish areas are designated for those only doing the 5K run and those continuing to the bike and swim portions of the triathlon. The 5K participant entry fee is \$17 if after July 15.

Teams with two or three individuals joining together are welcomed, with team members choosing to run, bike or swim. This is an excellent way for individuals to "test the waters" of a triathlon race if they do not feel ready to take on all three parts of the triathlon. Team entry fee (2 or 3 members) is \$81.

The Rudyard Lions also have an event that coincides with the triathlon called the Lions Team Challenge. The Lions Challenge has three Rudyard Lions members "throwing down the gauntlet", and challenging members of other Lions Clubs, service groups, organizations, or just neighborhood buddies, to join in a little friendly competition. They challenge their team of upper middle-aged, less than peak physically conditioned (but highly motivated) Rudyard Lion's triathletes against the best other teams can come up with.

If your team triumphs over all of the other teams in the Lion's Challenge, the Rudyard Lions Club will write a check to your favorite nonprofit group or charity for \$250. This year the "Lion's Challenge" fee for each team is \$75 (2 or 3 people). It is suggested that Lions Challenge participants get pledges or sponsors to defray the cost of entry.

The Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K race is endorsed by the Governors' Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports which makes participants over 18 years of age in the 5K or triathlon eligible to register for the 2013 lottery to have an opportunity to be one of the only 400 participants to run over the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. This Lions and the UP Triathlon Triple Crown event are also affiliated with the Upper Peninsula Road Runners Club.

All participants are invited to stay for lunch and are eligible for door prizes. Money raised by the triathlon and 5K races is used by the Rudyard Lions Club to support projects at the local, Michigan and international levels. As with all Lions Club fundraisers, no funds are used for club administration.

Those wishing more informa-

tion can visit [www.rudyardlions-triathlon.org](http://www.rudyardlions-triathlon.org) or contact Joni Andary, Registration Chair at 906-478-3205 or Gary Davis, Triathlon Co-chair at [garydavis@cnetury-tel.net](mailto:garydavis@cnetury-tel.net) or call 906-478-5244.

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Happy belated birthday wishes to my brother, sister and brother-in-law

Walt - June 5  
Della- June 13  
Peach and Doris- June 24  
Bob- June 30

Hope you all had a great day. And I can't forget my brother Dave on June 19 and Skeetie on June 27.

Congratulations to my nephew, Richard Schofield on his 2 years of sobriety. Good job Rich, keep going, proud of you.

Love ya,  
Aunt Tweek



Congratulations Jordin on your 3rd place award for the whopping 18 1/4 inch rainbow trout that you caught 6-2-12!!!

Good Job!

Love,  
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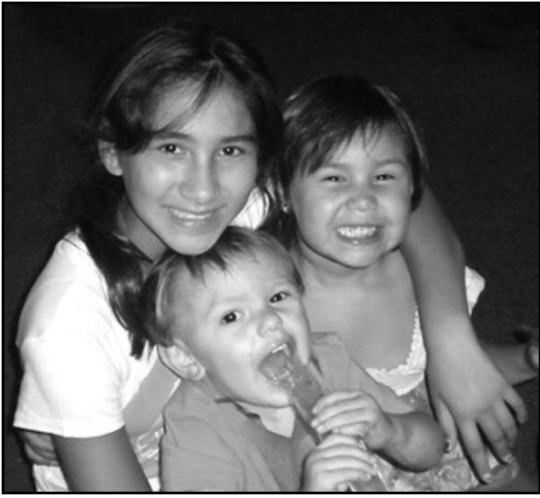
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HAPPY BELATED 2ND BIRTHDAY MAKENNA LOU on 6-2-12

Love,  
Papa, Greema, Uncle Bwad, TeeTee, Sissy

Happy 5th Birthday to our Chig-a-Chig. Love you so much Wasaya! Dad, Mom, Big Bro, Kayt, Kourt, and MJ





Happy 14th Birthday to the greatest, amazing, loveable and sometimes annoying sister Jeanne Ann on July 7th. We are so lucky to have a sister like you!

Love, the Nonah and Ty tot

Happy 14th birthday to my sunshine Jeanne Ann on July 7th. I can't believe how fast these years are going by. You will always be my baby!!

Love,  
Mom

Happy birthday to my beautiful daughter Jeanne on July 7th.

Love,  
Dad



Happy 17th birthday to my little sis and auntie Marvine on July 13th, Looking good!

Love Sarah, Jeanne, Nonah and Tyler



Happy Birthday to my Grampy on August 13th!!

Love Sophia Bella

Happy Birthday to Miss Traci on August 13th!!

Love, Sophia & Pee Wee

The Bay Mills/Brimley Historical Society would like to thank all contributors who have donated to our non-profit group: Bay Mart, Charlie's Beauty Shop, Chippewa County Telephone Co., Cozy Inn, Four Seasons Market, Glen's Market, Gillette, Halvorsen& Leonardt, Lake Superior Beach House, John's Johns, Lock City Home Center, Mark's Tire, Madigan/Pingatore Insurance, Mel's Fireworks, Parker's Hardware, Parmer's Farm Market, Sault Insurance Agency, Sacy's Restaurant, Save-a-Lot Food Stores, Soo Co-op Credit Union, Soo Super Valu, Willabee's Restaurant, and Willabee's Motel.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone that came out and golfed during our golf scramble to help with expenses for our trip with other Blessed Kateri Tekawitha Church and Bay Mills Indian Community members to Rome for the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in October. It was a lot of fun and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to Four Seasons IGA Market for their donations towards sponsoring a hole; Stephanie Carriek and Matt Phipps for their prize donations; Matt Phipps and Lake Tansi Village Golf Club in Crossville, Tenn. for their donations of rounds of golf; Willabee's Restaurant for their dinner donations; Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills for their shirt donations; Bay Mills Executive Council for their raffle license approval; and most of all Rob Lussenhop and staff at Wild Bluff Golf Course for their donations and assistance in this event. We couldn't have done so well without the help of this great community! Hope to see you at our next scramble, scheduled to take place on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m.

Bev Carriek, Autumn and Victoria Nikens

Congrats graduates!

Austin Michael Soorus  
Son of John & Jolene Soorus Jr. of Windsor, Mo. and Tiffany & Matthew Bergstrom of Bay Mills, Mich. Honored with Academic Letters. Future plans include going to a technical school for welding.

Ciera Nassar  
Daughter of Jeffery Nassar of Windsor, Mo. and Kimberley Nassar of Holland, Mich. Honored with Academic Letters. Future plans: "I'm going to start off by going to cosmetology school and then see where life takes me from there."



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# Dads mark their day, their way



GREAT DADS DESERVE A GREAT DAY — On June 23, Healthy Start program held a picnic at the ball park to show the community's fathers just how much their efforts are appreciated. A loving father's presence is extremely important to his children. Statistics show that children with involved fathers are more confident, better able to deal with frustration, better able to gain independence and their own identity, more likely to mature into compassionate adults and more likely to have a high self esteem. Kudos to the great dads in our community!

# Boys & Girls Club participants enjoy fun summer experiences



SOME SUMMERTIME FUN — Children who are members of Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club are given opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, rather than be stuck inside with a game controller in hand. Several events were offered in June, including canoeing on Spectacle Lake with Boys & Girls Program staff and a strawberry-picking excursion led by Bay Mills Cultural Coordinator Assistant, Jesse Bowen. Above, boys will be boys as they await the arrival of the canoes, whiling away the time trying to catch the swift and elusive minnow. To the right, Carmen Cameron proudly displays a ripe wild strawberry she found along the side of Lakeshore Drive. Although the gatherers brought bags to collect their bounty, most of the strawberries never made it home, devoured on the spot. SHAR MYERS/BY MILLS NEWS



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Above is Rick McIntosh in his 1930 Ford Speedster as he rolls into Sault Ste. Marie.  
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# The Great Race stops in Sault Ste. Marie

The Great Race – an annual antique automobile competition - began on June 23 setting out from Traverse City. Stops were made in Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and ended in Dearborn, Mich. on July 1.

The race is a time, speed, endurance rally, meaning the goal isn't to get to the finish line first, but to precisely finish each check-point in a pre-determined amount of time.

Each vehicle has a driver and a navigator, and the team uses a calibrated speedometer to make sure they stay on schedule, according to the day's route.

This year the race made an overnight stop in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on Saturday, June 23 and was welcomed by residents and businesses as the racers enjoyed local food and music for the evening.

Each leg of the race is between 400 to 500 miles. Throughout their



journey, racers encountered threatening weather and mechanical difficulties, but worked towards the finish line and the cash awaiting the 2012 winner. This year 92 vintage cars participated, logging more than 2,300 miles.

The 2013 Great Race will kick off at the Back to the '50s event in St. Paul, Minn.



PARADE OF TUGS — The Great Tugboat Race raises money for challenged children in Sault Ste. Marie and area on both sides of the border. The Race was founded in 1982 by a group of local tug enthusiasts who were convinced that each of them owned the fastest boat, so they raced. In the past number of years, the organization has been raising upwards of \$20,000 each year through race merchandise and events such as the annual pancake breakfast.

Above, the Missouri, owned by Great Lakes Towing Company, leads the way down the St. Mary's River for fellow tugboats during the parade, held the evening of Friday, June 29, prior to race festivities on June 30.  
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# Osprey flourish : A story of success in lower Michigan

Nearly wiped out in southern Michigan at one time, osprey are now recovering within the state due in large part to the concentrated efforts of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Huron Clinton Metroparks, Detroit Zoological Society, DTE Energy and more than 100 volunteers.

The use of DDT and other pesticides, which caused the thinning of the birds' eggshells, caused osprey populations to decline. Once commonplace in the Great Lakes region, osprey became mostly a bird of remote northern lakes and ponds. After the use of DDT was banned and the osprey population became more productive, state wildlife officials seized the opportunity to re-establish ospreys.

In 1998, the DNR initiated a program of relocating or "hacking" the raptors to southern Michigan. The program, which was supported by donations to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund, removed chicks from active nests in northern Michigan and placed them in parks around southern Michigan. The movement of ospreys occurred over a span of 10 years. In 2012, the DNR identified at least 49 active nests in southern Michigan – a substantial increase from the one active nest reported in 1999.

"This is a true wildlife success story," said Julie Oakes, DNR wildlife biologist. "Each year we have new nests, and we have already exceeded our original goal of 30 active nests by 2020. We have been able to remove osprey from the threatened species list and restore their numbers in Michigan."

During reintroduction efforts, DNR staffers removed male osprey chicks from their nests and placed them in hacking boxes, where they were fed and cared for daily by volunteers. A male will build a nest close to the location where he learned to fly, and the female chooses her mate based on the quality of his nest. Once paired, ospreys typically maintain their partner for life.

Reintroduction efforts have been so successful that the DNR is no longer planning future hacking activities. However, banding of the chicks will continue each year. A federal bird identification band is placed on one leg as part of a national effort to monitor birds. A second, colored band is placed on the other leg to indicate the osprey's birth year.

This labor-intensive monitoring effort is a cooperative venture conducted by the DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks, DZS and staff from the cell phone tower companies American Tower Corporation, Verizon Wireless, McFarlin Tower, Skyline Services, LLC, Earthcom, Hydaker-Wheatlake Inc, and Clearlink Wireless Solutions.

ince osprey often nest on cell phone towers, the tower companies have volunteered staff time to climb the towers and lower the chicks to the ground safely in special buckets. The DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks and DZS staff then proceed with banding and measuring the chicks and collecting biological data before they are returned to the nest. Cell tower companies have cooperated with the DNR by not only reporting nests, but also agreeing to schedule maintenance work around the active season so as not to disturb the nesting pair and their chicks.

"Each year we are seeing osprey from previous years return and nest," Oakes said. "The hard work of so many organizations is really paying off, and by continuing our extensive monitoring efforts we will ensure that the osprey population remains strong and healthy."

Anyone who observes a nesting pair of osprey is asked to contact Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan (OWSEM) on the Web at [www.owsem.org](http://www.owsem.org) or by email at [owsem@owsem.org](mailto:owsem@owsem.org).



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# Sault store moves to new location

## Grand opening to be held on July 20

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its latest addition to its membership with the recent addition of Second Childhood & Adults, Too! The business joins the more than 350 current member organizations currently active with the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce.

Second Childhood & Adults Too!, located at 221 West Portage Ave in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., has been in business since 2008 and just recently moved to their current location this summer. Second Childhood & Adults Too! specializes in name brand adult, maternity, and children's clothing, shoes, toys, baby equipment, housewares, furniture and more.

To celebrate their new location, Second Childhood & Adults, Too! will be having a Grand Opening

Celebration on Friday, July 20. Festivities will include specials on merchandise, a huge \$.50 sale, grilling in the back parking lot, and on-site radio by Rock 101. Festivities start at 10 a.m., include a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at noon, and continue through 5 p.m.

"We are happy to be in our great new location," said Misti Colli, owner of Second Childhood. "We are pleased to have grown to over 1,200 consigners and to be able to help out the community with affordably priced merchandise. If you are looking for something, chances are we have it. Come on in and see what we have!"

Second Childhood is open Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Sault Area Chamber of

Commerce serves to promote, advance and contribute to the economic well-being of the business community and visitor experience, while preserving the character, history, and traditions of the greater Sault Ste. Marie area.

Its mission is to exhibit positive community leadership by supporting activities to improve the education and economic development of the business community and serving members with valuable support to improve business activity and collaboration in the community.

To learn more about Second Childhood & Adults, Too!, please contact them at 906-322-0689 or visit them on Portage Avenue between Subway and Soo Brewing Company. Check them out on Facebook as well for more information and for special sales.

# Recycling program in Bay Mills expands

BAY MILLS — Recyclers that use Bay Mills Indian Community's transfer station will soon see bins and bags to help reduce solid waste. The reduction is a savings from paying to a landfill to paying a tribal member to recycle. The current program accepts cardboard, plastic numbers 1 to 7, glass, tin, batteries, paper, and box board. Box board and batteries are the two new items added for collection.

Examples of box board are cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, and pasta boxes. With these additional items collected and the new recycling bins for household use, the tribe hopes to add to the savings. So far after comparing numbers over the past year a reduction in weekly tonnage leaving the reservation to the land fill is a reality and a result of tribal recycling efforts.

"We are becoming more eco-efficient as a community and hope to continue to reduce waste," said Dan Tadgerson, of Bay Mills Biological Services.

In addition to recycling at the tribal buildings and community recycling at the transfer station, the community provides opportunities to properly dispose of old pharmaceuticals (the yellow drug program), tires, and e-waste (CRT monitors, and old televisions). The yellow drug jug is at the Ellen Marshal building pharmacy and E-Waste is collected at Biological Services



at the Plantation road site.

In the past year, the program collected and disposed of 17,428 lbs. of tires, 32.74 lbs. of old pharmaceuticals, and 9,996 lbs. of electronic waste. These items are difficult to dispose of and a priority to Biological Services, which pays to have these items properly disposed of in the Lake Superior Watershed through a grant from the US. Environmental protection Agency.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that could improve the program, please feel free to call Amanda Bosak at 906-248-8648, or Jake Parish at 906-248-8651. In addition, you could stop in, or talk to the transfer station staff.

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# Violence Against Women Act at a standstill in Congress

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

The Violence Against Women Act remains in jeopardy as the House and Senate continue to fail to come together in agreement over its particulars.

The 1994 law, which provides broad sweeping protections to women in cases of domestic violence and sexual assault, must be reauthorized by the end of summer. This is the first time it has been a subject of controversy, as it has been reauthorized twice with bipartisan support.

The Senate passed their version in April, with bipartisan support and every female Republican voting in favor of it. This hasn't been the case in the House of Representatives. Much of the debate in the Republican-controlled House has focused on who should be protected under the law.

The Senate expanded protections to include undocumented immigrants, lesbians, gays, and transgender victims, and broadened

tribal jurisdiction. The House passed a version of the act in May that excludes these protections and focused on undocumented immigrants as a concern.

One of the main reasons immigrants have been included this time is that domestic violence centers are reporting women have been "blackmailed" by their abusers by threats of calling the police or failure to complete their paperwork for Visas, which require sponsorship.

The VAWA also puts more control in the hands of tribal nations. Under the bill's tribal-jurisdiction provisions:

- In accordance with the Indian Tribal Justice Improvement Act, tribes could prosecute non-Indians only for domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders. Crimes between two strangers, or between two non-Indians, or committed by a person with no ties to the tribe, would not be covered.
- Federal- and state-court jurisdiction over domestic violence would be unaffected.

• Defendants would effectively have the same rights in tribal court as in state court, including due-process rights, an indigent defendant's right to free appointed counsel meeting Federal constitutional standards, and the right to an impartial jury with the jury pool reflecting a fair cross-section of the entire community, including non-Indians.

• Defendants could protect their rights by appealing their convictions to a tribal appellate court and filing habeas petitions in Federal court.

Without these provisions, law enforcement hands will be tied in Indian Country. Currently tribes cannot prosecute a non-Indian, even if they live on the reservation and are married to a tribal member. This prosecutorial gap leaves many cases of violence in Indian Country, which is already one of the highest in the nation, un-reported.

Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow-D, who worked to help put together one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state in 1977, is appalled by the disagreement with Republicans.

"We are now debating something else I never thought we would be debating, which is whether or not all victims should be protected or just some. We stand strongly

together in saying that every single victim of domestic violence should have the law on their side," she said.

The bill is also crucial to grant programming for domestic violence shelters and law enforcement training across the country, as it provides more than \$600 million in funding.

The White House has threatened to veto any bill that does not pro-

vide adequate protections for Native Americans, immigrants and the LGBT community. Vice President Joe Biden was one of the original sponsors of the 1994 bill and has urged Congress to come together for its reauthorization once again.

As of press time, there has been no reconciliation of the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

## Legislation signed into law

LANSING — Earlier in July, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation ensuring the safety of school bus passengers.

Senate Bill 1030, sponsored by state Sen. Bruce Caswell, requires motorists to come to a complete stop at least 20 feet from a school bus whenever a bus is stopped and employing the use of its two red flashing signals. The driver may proceed once the bus resumes motion.

"The safety of our students always comes first and this will eliminate any confusion as to when it is and is not okay to pass a parked school bus," Snyder said.

The bill is now P.A. 263 of 2012.

The governor also signed several other bills:

Senate Bills 551 and 552, sponsored by state Sen. Goeff Hansen, prevent inmates from using a cellular phone or other wireless devices on the grounds of a correctional facility unless authorized by the state Department of Corrections. No cell phones or wireless devices can be deposited on the grounds of any building used for jail purposes. Any confiscated devices will be donated to military personnel or given to an approved charity.

The bills are now Public Acts 255 and 256 of 2012.

S.B. 193, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, improves safety standards and protects those who sell fireworks in compliance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. The bill establishes a graduated penalty system for businesses who do not obtain the proper certification to sell fireworks. Violators will be charged \$5,000 for the first offense, \$20,000 for the second offense and \$40,000 following a third offense. The bill is now P.A. 257.

S.B. 853, sponsored by state Sen. Judy Emmons, alters the background check process for driver's education employees. The new process enables an agency to receive a criminal history and any record of possible future offenses by specifically using a fingerprint based system. The bill is now P.A. 258.

S.B. 861, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, repeals the sunset date for MDOC's Special Alternative Incarceration program. The program allows a prisoner to serve 90 days before being placed on parole for the remainder of their sentence and was scheduled to end on Sept. 30, 2012. The bill repeals the end date; it is now P.A. 259.

House Bill 5468, sponsored by state Rep. Aric Nesbitt, enables collection of 9-1-1 charges for prepaid cellular devices including two-way communication systems and radio telephones. Previously, charges were collected by service suppliers; they will now be collected directly from the retailer. The bill is now P.A. 260.

H.B. 5658, sponsored by state Rep. Joe Havemen, provides private contractors an opportunity to hire inmates for the production of goods or services to be used solely within the grounds of a correctional or re-entry facility. Working inmates are not entitled to receive minimum wage. The bill is now P.A. 261.

H.B. 4146, sponsored by state Rep. Jud Gilbert, improves safety standards of snow removal vehicles. Any vehicle with a plow or other device used to remove snow or ice from roads must be equipped with a visible yellow or amber light that rotates 360 degrees and covers a distance of at least 500 feet from the vehicle. The bill is now P.A. 262.

On July 5, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley today signed House Bill 4723, making it illegal for prisoners to receive Bridge Cards.

"Preventing prisoners from receiving Bridge Cards is a common-sense way to reduce fraud, save taxpayer dollars, and help ensure assistance is given to those who are truly in need," Calley said.

In addition, the measure requires the termination of Bridge Card access to incarcerated individuals who had previously been issued one. The state Department of Human Services must also perform a monthly incarceration match to help determine Bridge Card eligibility. The law codifies policies already in place within the department.

HB 4723, sponsored by state Rep. Bob Genetski, is now Public Act 281 of 2012.

Calley also signed Senate Bill 582, sponsored by state Sen. Tom Casperson.

SB 582 eliminates the current maximum number of axles on trailers more than 50 feet in length, and allows vehicles designed and used to haul boats from manufacturers to be 75 feet long rather than the previous 65 feet. Weight limits have not changed. The bill is now PA 282 of 2012.

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Events will take place on Aug. 3 and 4. For a full and detailed schedule of each day's events, please visit [www.downtownsaulevents.org/sault-ships-sailabration/](http://www.downtownsaulevents.org/sault-ships-sailabration/).

To learn more about Sault Ships & Sailabration, or to register as a vendor, please contact Justin Knepper at the Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority, 906-635-6973.

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# Asian carp environmental DNA detected in Lake Erie

Federal and state wildlife officials working in conjunction with academic researchers recently announced six water samples taken from Sandusky and north Maumee bays tested positive for the presence of Asian carp environmental DNA in Michigan and Ohio waters.

The positive samples were among 417 taken from Lake Erie in August 2011, and more than 2,000 samples taken from the Great Lakes Basin since 2010. The Lake Erie batch was recently analyzed and test results were confirmed by eDNA researchers this week. The six positive samples represent less than 1.5 percent of the Lake Erie samples.

Four samples from Sandusky Bay, in Ohio waters, tested positive for bighead carp eDNA, while two samples from north Maumee Bay, in Michigan waters, were positive for silver carp eDNA.

In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting has begun in Sandusky Bay with no evidence of Asian carp found. However, additional testing and monitoring are planned by the Ohio and Michigan Departments of Natural Resources in conjunction with partner agencies.

The findings indicate the presence of genetic material left behind by the species, such as scales, excrement or mucous, but not the establishment of Asian carp in Lake Erie. Positive eDNA tests are regarded by the

**Asian Carp are Moving Toward Michigan**

Asian carp were brought to North America in the 1970s primarily to eat algae in aquaculture ponds. They escaped from the ponds into the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and are migrating toward Lake Michigan.

**There are four species of Asian carp that threaten Michigan waters:**

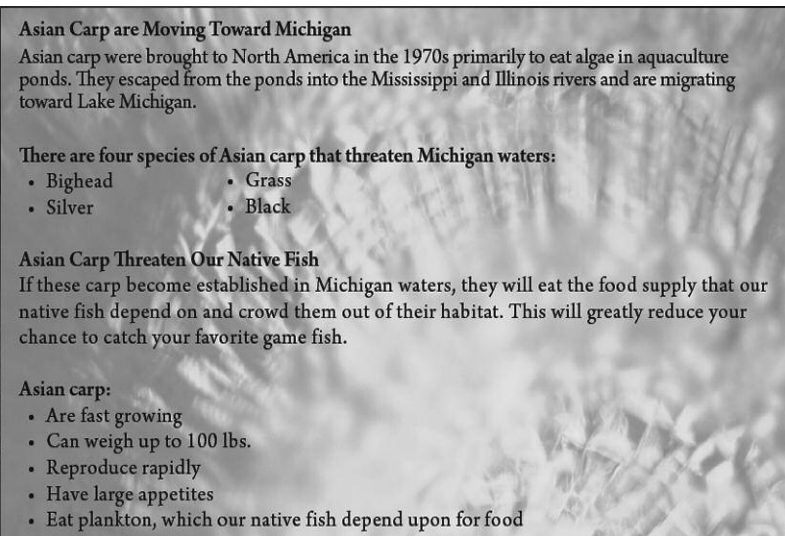
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- Eat plankton, which our native fish depend upon for food



scientific community as an indicator of the species’ recent presence, however, positive results can occur whether the organism was alive or dead.

While the eDNA findings suggest the possible presence of the invasive species, officials have no physical evidence the fish have migrated to the Great Lakes. Prior to 2003, three individual bighead carp were collected in Lake Erie. No additional observations have been reported during the past decade.

“The results from these water samples are certainly concerning, as this marks the first time Asian carp eDNA has been detected in water samples from Lake Erie, or any of the Michigan waters intensively surveyed for the presence of invasive carp,” said Michigan DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. “Protecting the Great

Lakes from the threat of Asian carp is critical to the health of our sport and commercial fisheries and to the quality of life in Michigan.

“We are actively engaged in Asian carp surveillance programs throughout the Great Lakes, including Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, and the Department stands ready to take the necessary and appropriate actions to investigate and respond to these test results.”

In response to the positive test results, officials from the Michigan and Ohio DNRs, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and White House Council on Environmental Quality are developing a plan of action in collaboration with the eDNA research team to obtain follow-up samples and test results as

quickly as possible. Test results from future water samples will dictate the nature of further response methods.

“This lake is Ohio’s greatest resource and our main objective is to keep it healthy,” said Rich Carter, Ohio DNR’s Executive Fish Management and Research Administrator. “The DNA findings have put Ohio fish and wildlife officers on high alert and marshaled our immediate action. In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting in the identified areas of Sandusky Bay have already been completed and no Asian carp were found. Testing and monitoring will continue and we will work with Michigan and our other management partners to develop a coordinated approach to defining the status of Asian carp in Lake Erie.”

Since 2010, the Michigan DNR, Ohio DNR, USFWS, University of Notre Dame, Central Michigan University and the Nature Conservancy have partnered to collect water samples from Great Lakes basin waters, including the Chicago Area Waterway System, southern

Lake Michigan, western Lake Erie and tributary streams of lakes Michigan and Erie. The collaborative early-detection Asian carp surveillance program is funded by the USFWS with a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, administered under the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework.

Asian carp, including bighead and silver carp, pose a significant threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including both adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters.

A video demonstrating how to identify bighead and silver carp can be viewed on the USFWS YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/B49OWrCRs38>. Identification guides, frequently asked questions, management plans and an online reporting form are available online at [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp) and [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com), or call 800-WILDLIFE.

## Turkey licenses on sale until Aug. 1

The Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that applications for fall turkey hunting licenses are on sale through Aug. 1.

A total of 50,050 licenses are available — 3,350 general licenses that may be used on public or private land and 46,700 licenses for private land only. Eight wild turkey management units, totaling 42,218 square miles, are open to fall turkey hunting during the Sept. 15 to Nov. 14 season, including most of the southern Lower Peninsula, Beaver Island and the entire Upper Peninsula.

“We are in the third year of a three-year period of stabilized regulations that were developed by working with turkey hunting groups,” explained DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. “Regulations are exactly the same as last year. These regulations provide fall wild turkey hunters with increased opportunities and flexibility. Fall turkey seasons are initiated to help stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers in certain areas of the state to meet local goals based on habitat conditions and public attitudes.”

Hunters may apply for a turkey hunting license at any authorized license agent, at DNR operations service centers or online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings). The application fee is \$4. Drawing results will be posted online beginning Aug. 15.

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license agent on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. Any licenses that remain as of Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. will be available for purchase over the counter by any hunter. The licenses will be sold until the quotas are met.

“The fall wild turkey season offers the perfect setting for experienced turkey hunters to share their knowledge and skills with other hunters or introduce the sport to new hunters,” Stewart said. “Turkey hunting is a challenging, interactive activity, which is best shared with others. In addition to passing on the great tradition of our hunting heritage, turkey hunting in the fall also is a good opportunity to bring home a bird for a Thanksgiving Day feast.”

The new Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters 9 years old and younger to hunt turkey (spring and fall), deer and small game, trap furbearers and fish for all species with a qualified youth mentor who is 21 years old. The mentored youth license is a “package” license that entitles the youth to hunt, trap and fish for the species listed above during all open seasons for the species. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting](http://www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting).

The next deadline for  
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## STEM camps encourage interest in science-related careers



SAULT STE. MARIE — Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics week-long camps were sponsored by Bay Mills Community College in late June with members of the Bay Mills Boys & Girls club participating. These camps are coordinated with educators certified in STEM curriculum and affiliated with the U.S. Dept. of Defense to increase the number of students interested in science-related careers.

During one camp session, students visited the laboratory at Lake Superior State University to conduct experiments.

At top left (L-R), a phosphorous test is being completed by Tyler Miller and Paul LeBlanc with the assistance of Regina Westrick.

At immediate left (L-R), Autumn Aikens, Joe Shaw and Paula Walden perform a smoking test with the assistance of Jen Kinney. Students saw firsthand how tar builds up on cotton balls as a cigarette was “smoked” by a syringe in an enclosed box.

Students also participated in testing beach samples for e. coli with staff from Bay Mills Biological Services.

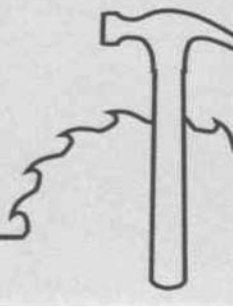
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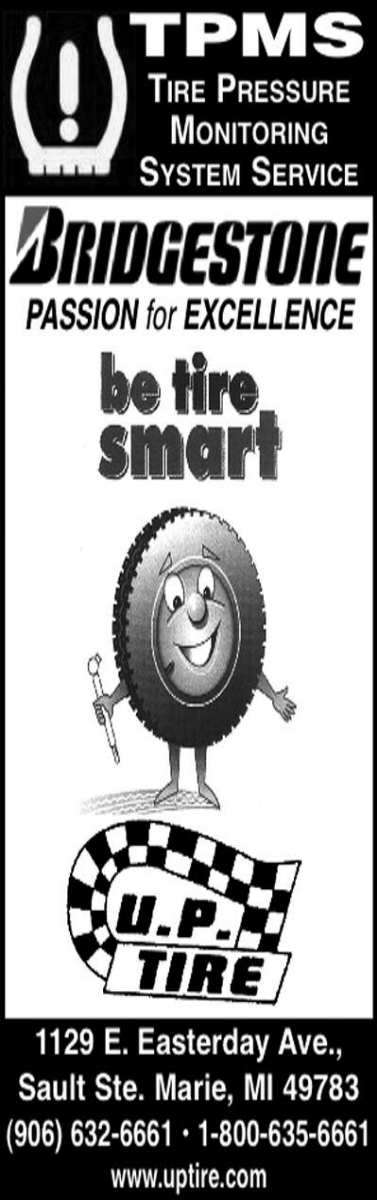
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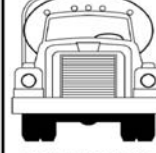
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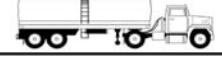


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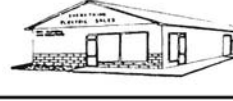
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# May interpretive program event offered at lighthouse

By Janet Russell, President of Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society would like to thank committee leader, Janet Besaw, and her volunteers for their generous donation of time, energy and organizational skills as leaders and volunteers for the Point Iroquois lighthouse interpretive program event on May 18.

The event was sponsored by our lighthouse committee and planned by Janet Besaw, Pauline Rice-Goetz and Esther Waters for Brimley Elementary third grade students. They were bused to the lighthouse for a scavenger hunt about ecology, energy, environment and pollution in conjunction with their Michigan history curriculum.

Thanks also goes to Janet for providing and operating her own telescope on the lighthouse boardwalk so everyone could see the passing ships up close and the large wind energy farm with its giant windmills, located across the St. Mary's River on Gros Cap in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. She also printed up the instructions for the volunteers who led the scavenger hunt, listing items to gather or count.

Pauline Rice-Goetz provided fact sheets on the wind farm and an overview of how energy, ecology, environment and pollution are all related. She also obtained and distributed cloth ecology bags to each student, donated by the Soo Co-op Credit Union. The U.S. Forest Service also provided a way for us to give away small items as prizes to each student.

Esther Waters coordinated the event with Brimley Elementary Principal Pete Routhier, the teachers and the bus driver. She also obtained the treats for students to eat on the bus returning to the school after the noon to 3 p.m. event ended.

Lauren Besaw, Janet's daughter and a student at Lake Superior State University, created the beautifully designed and painted poster of a barren tree. She and her friend, Anthony Ciotti, also led a group of scavenger hunters.

Keith Waters, Esther's husband, provided his expertise gained in the field of surveying, by naming each leaf sample collected by students. He pinned the samples to the tree poster and wrote the student's name as well. The poster was given to the school to be displayed. Keith also led a group of scavenger

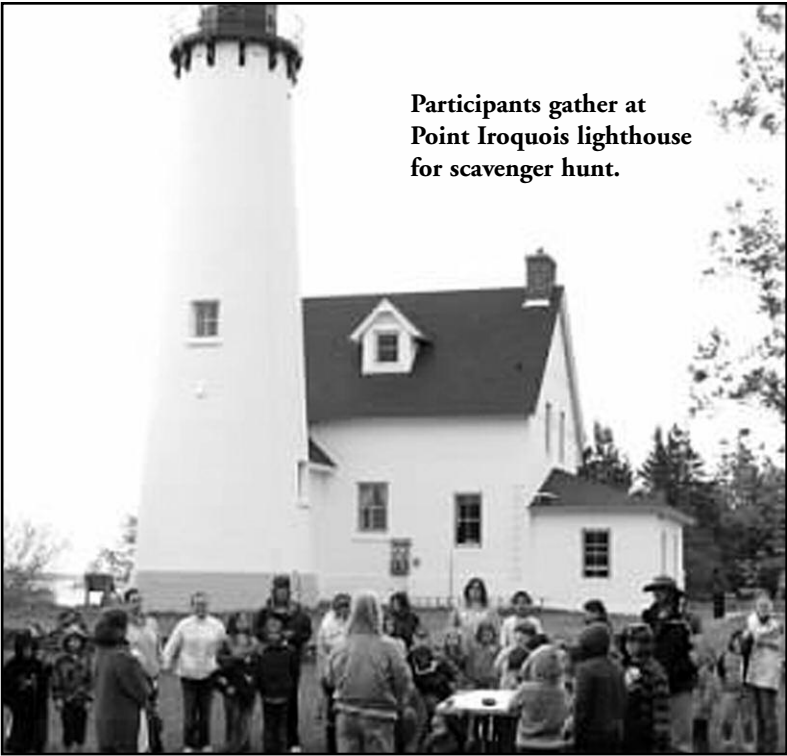
hunters.

Marilyn Pellar, Pauline's niece and a recent graduate of Bay Mills Community College, also led a group of scavenger hunters around the grounds of the lighthouse, up the tower, into the 1950s exhibit and around the boardwalk with their checklist and bags, enduring the rain and humidity.

They sought natural elements and counted various items inside and outside such as the number of doors, windows, steps, benches, birds, windmills, blades on a windmill, photos displayed, toys and fake food in the 50s exhibit and keepers' uniforms on display inside.

Barabara Kautzman, the current caretaker at Point Iroquois lighthouse, also led a group of scavenger hunters, while her partner, Hal Prentice, manned the Lighthouse Gift Shop and greeted other lighthouse visitors. Barbara took some great photos that can be viewed at <http://ecologyscavenger-hunt20120518.shutterfly.com/>.

Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society thanks all those who volunteered for the time and talents they contributed to our non-profit group. Everyone got very wet and had a lot of fun.



Participants gather at Point Iroquois lighthouse for scavenger hunt.

## Point Iroquois lighthouse has been called 'home' by many

By Gail Davis, Point Iroquois Lighthouse docent

There has been a lighthouse at Point Iroquois for 155 years. The first lighthouse and tower, built in 1857, burned to the ground. The second building and tower was erected in 1870. In 1904, the building that houses the current museum and bookstore was built.

There have been many families residing at the lighthouse over the years that made it their home. It may have been a temporary home, but still a home.

Several tragedies have occurred at Point Iroquois lighthouse. A lighthouse keeper's family needed medical help for a sick child. For some reason, they headed to Canada by boat. They didn't make it in time and the child died. The mother, in great distress, never returned to the lighthouse.

In another incident, a boy received a shotgun for his birthday. The next day, he crossed the road in front of the lighthouse. As he started to climb over a fence, the gun went off, killing him at the age of 14.

In spite of the tragedies, the isolation and the long, cold winters, they survived the hardships and Point Iroquois lighthouse was their home.

Today, when visitors come to Point Iroquois lighthouse, they seem to pick up that homey feeling. It is almost as if the families from the past have left something behind. Although the building houses a museum and bookstore, there seems to be a lingering feeling of a homey atmosphere.

The lighthouse has not changed much in the years since it was built. It is much like it was in 1870 and 1904. The people who lived here are gone, their belongings are gone, yet their presence can be felt.

Point Iroquois lighthouse is not a commercial enterprise like Whitefish Point lighthouse. It remains a home. Over the years, caretakers have lived here and again, if only temporarily, they have made the lighthouse their home.

Many people who serve for one or two years as caretakers ask to stay. Visitors talk about the natural beauty surrounding the buildings where Whitefish Bay pours into the St. Mary's River and the lovely plants that bloom inside and out. Everyone tells us they will be back. Point Iroquois lighthouse is still home.

Point Iroquois lighthouse is open every day through the summer months from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS OFFER VALUABLE ASSISTANCE — Without volunteers, Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society would not be able to successfully present their interpretive programs at Point Iroquois Lighthouse. Left, Pauline Rice-Goetz describes to students how energy, pollution and the environment are all related while above, Keith Waters displays the tree poster created from the students' collections.

## Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society appreciates the efforts of local volunteers

A big thank you goes out to Pat Paul from the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society for her hundreds of hours of volunteer time over the years.

Pat and Francie Robbins are co-chairmen of the flea market held over the 4th of July celebration every year at the Wheels of History Community Park. They have a friendly rivalry with the chairman in charge of home baked goods over who can raise the most funds during the event. With her cheerful smile, Pat hands out her handmade money aprons and straw hats to the volunteers.

She keeps busy all year collecting items and stuffed animals for prizes and making colorful dog scarves for sale at the Train Museum gift shop. Pat also serves as vice-president of the Bay Mills/Brimley Historical Society.

Pat and her husband Roger first came to the Sault area in 1952, when Pat transferred with the Gamble Company. Roger worked at first with Stanaway Plumbing, later going into construction.

The Pauls ran one of the first tourist homes and rooming houses in the Sault for student teachers, while raising their two daughters, DeLynn Paul and Kathy (Charlie) Albin.

Pat held many jobs over the years. At Michigan Mining & Technical College, now known as Lake Superior State University, she was secretary to the college president, Harry Crawford. She helped set up the first four-year college graduation ceremony.

She also worked as a secretary at local insurance companies and eventually retired from War Memorial Hospital in 2002. Her husband had passed away in 2001.

In 1988, the couple had purchased a home on Birch Point in Brimley, where Pat still lives and grows giant tomato plants. In her spare time she likes to bowl and spend time with her beautiful dog.

She fondly remembers the time that she and Roger took their dog tobogganing where the Wild Bluff Golf Course now stands. They hit a bump and all three fell off.



We appreciate all the work she does for her community. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

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# Federal grant to fund call center for veterans

LANSING — The Michigan Association of United Ways was recently awarded \$1.5 million by the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a statewide One-Call/One-Click Center out of eight regional transportation 2-1-1 call centers. The new service will help veterans and other users tap the entire state’s resources and connect with locally available transportation and other vital community services. Information will be accessible 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or clicking on a Web site.

“Any state that provides its veterans and their families with easier access to both needed and earned benefits says something about the value the people and its leadership place on those who have served our country,” said Rob Price, administrator, Veteran Services, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. “For Michigan, that testimony is embedded in a ‘One-Call/One-Click’ philosophy.”

“I look forward to working jointly with United Way and public transit systems to coordinate and implement transportation options for veterans throughout Michigan, utilizing the 2-1-1 network and local public transit agencies. Public transportation, in one form or another, exists in every county in Michigan and we’re excited to broaden our delivery of services to our veterans,” said Clark Harder, executive director, Michigan Public Transit Association.

The One-Call/One-Click Center will help 736,000 Michigan veterans and active duty military easily access information about public and private transportation options. In 2011, 2-1-1 served more than 480,000 callers, including veterans and military families. Of those calls, nearly 10,000 were for transportation services.

“During the One-Call/One-Click program development period, veterans and their families can continue to use 2-1-1 for services available in their region,” said David Eich, 2-1-1 executive director, Michigan Association of United Ways.

2-1-1 has been in existence for 10 years in Michigan. Currently, eight regional call centers provide health and human service, workforce development, veteran support and transportation information and referral. Currently, more than 94 percent of Michigan’s population has access to 2-1-1. However, expansion of the system is planned to provide access to 100 percent of the state’s veterans, active service and military families.

The Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative is funded and managed by the Federal Transit Administration. The grant will be awarded to the Michigan Department of Transportation who submitted the application on behalf of the Michigan Association of United Ways.

# Tips to keep kids learning this summer

By Carrie Shrier  
MSU Extension

Did you know the average child loses one month of knowledge gained in the school year during the summer? Summer is a time for relaxing, sleeping in, swimming and playing outside with friends. But in order for your child to be ready to go back to school in the fall, a little learning time should be included in that schedule.

Research indicates that the average elementary-age child loses up to one month of knowledge. For low-income children the loss is often much greater, as high as three months of loss. To help your child be ready to hit the ground running in the fall, follow these 10 great tips for summer learning:

1. Read, read, read!

Help your child keep their reading at grade level by reading for at least 30 minutes a day during the summer. Trips to the library are great to stock up on new material. Keep reading fun by taking that book outside to the hammock, to the beach, or under a shady tree.

2. Join a summer reading program.

Most public libraries offer wonderful summer reading programs. Best of all, they are free!

3. Head outside!

The outdoor learning opportunities are endless. Many state parks,

local parks, and recreation programs offer free or low-cost summer activities. Pick a day to go brush up on science skills and learn about freshwater fish, bugs, plants and more.

4. Help in the kitchen.

Cooking with children offers them a great chance to practice their math skills. Have your children help prepare their meals and snacks. Measuring ingredients, reading recipes, cutting with safe tools, dividing mixes into pans and other cooking skills offer kids many chances to learn much more than they could find on a worksheet page.

5. Find a friend.

Take advantage of group playtime to make a learning opportunity more fun and engaging. Perhaps your children’s friends’ parents excel in a certain area and can teach your child a new skill. Offer to swap off hosting play dates that include a fun learning experience.

6. Prepare for vacation.

Heading off to a new vacation destination? Have your child do some advance research on the area you are heading. What is the area known for? Any special, “must see” stops? Be sure to respect their time and research, and follow through with some of their suggestions.

7. Car time is learning time, too.

Driving a long distance for vacation? Take advantage of the time your child is stuck in the car to sneak

in some learning. Have your child brush up on their geography by having them read the map or keep track of all the license plates from various states on a U.S. map.

8. Make screen time learning time.

There is no doubt that children will want to spend some of their break in front of the TV, computer or playing video games. Help children select educational programming for the TV, or play learning games on the computer or game system.

9. Just play!

Just “playing” presents many opportunities for children to learn. Help your children find educational lessons in their day-to-day activities. Take advantage of the little opportunities to research the new bug they find in the backyard, or see how they used math to play that board game.

10. Relax and have fun!

Above all else, the summer is for relaxing and having fun. Avoid the temptation to pack a child’s schedule full of activities and lessons. It is important for children to have some down time to relax, stretch their muscles, make new friends, and get out and play.

In addition to using these tips, swap ideas with other parents and look for suggestions from your child’s teacher. A little summer preparation disguised as fun can make all the difference in the fall.

# 2011 Michigan Drunk Driving Audit shows declines in alcohol- and drug-related crashes, fatalities and injuries

Overall, deaths resulting from alcohol and/or drug-related crashes decreased by 10.6 percent, from 357 in 2010 to 319 in 2011, while injuries fell from 6,175 to 6,086. Drug involvement in traffic fatalities fell almost 17 percent, from 153 deaths in 2010 to 127 in 2011, while alcohol involvement declined 3 percent, from 283 to 274. In many cases, deaths involved both alcohol and drugs and are counted in each category.

Prior to 2011’s decrease, drug-involved traffic fatalities had increased by nearly 30 percent over the past five years. As part of an effort to address this issue, Michigan trained 15 Drug Recognition Experts last year. DREs are trained to recognize signs of impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol and to identify the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. A second group of 13 officers completed training in 2012 and a third class is planned for 2013.

“Drug-involved deaths and injuries have been increasing across the country,” said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police. “Officers in Michigan will continue to receive advanced training to help them identify and arrest drunk and drugged drivers in an effort to make our roads safer.”

The Drunk Driving Audit is an annual report issued by the MSP Criminal Justice Information Center and is a collaborative effort between MSP and the Michigan Department of State.

“Keeping Michigan’s roads safe is a priority across government and educating the public is a big part of that effort,” said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. “So much of what we do at the Secretary of State targets awareness and safe driving, programs that run in parallel with law enforcement — it’s a true partnership.”

In 2011, 37,540 alcohol and drug-related driving arrests were made. Male drivers were nearly three times as likely as female drivers to be arrested for impaired driving, with 27,741 men arrested compared to 9,799 women. There were 37,431 persons convicted of operating under the influence of liquor or other impaired driving offenses. Some of these convictions include arrests made in prior years.

The 2011 Drunk Driving Audit includes county-specific information and is available at [www.michigan.gov/drunkdrivingaudit](http://www.michigan.gov/drunkdrivingaudit).

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# Grand Rapids native named U.S. Attorney for state’s Western District

GRAND RAPIDS—On July 9, Grand Rapids attorney Patrick Miles, Jr., 44, took the oath of office as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. The oath was administered by the Honorable Paul L. Maloney, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court.

Miles was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29 and was confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29. Miles is the first African American to hold the post of U.S. Attorney for Western Michigan.

“It is a tremendous honor to serve the people of West Michigan as U.S. Attorney,” Miles said. “I am thankful to the West Michigan lawyers on the local selection review committee who recommended me last August to

Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. I appreciate the trust the committee, Senators Levin and Stabenow, and the President are placing in me. I am humbled by and grateful for their support. I look forward to working with the excellent professionals in the U.S. Attorney’s Office.”

U.S. Attorney Miles replaces Donald A. Davis, who was appointed as the U.S. Attorney by the court in October, 2008.

Miles began his legal career as an associate at the Grand Rapids-based law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett in 1991 after graduating from Harvard Law School. He became a partner at the age of 29 and was the first African American partner in Varnum’s 110-

year history.

Miles joined the national law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC in 2006 as a partner based in the Grand Rapids office. In 2010, Miles ran to represent Michigan’s Third District in Congress. He won the Democratic primary, but did not win the November general election.

A Grand Rapids native, Miles graduated from Ottawa Hills High School at the age of 16. After spending a year at Great Lakes Bible College (now known as Great Lakes Christian College), Miles graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with an economics major.

Miles served as president of the

Grand Rapids Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. He also was chairman of the Aquinas College Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2008. Most recently, he was president of the Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce.

His local community involvement includes past service as a board member and officer of Advisory Center for Teens, Greater Grand Rapids YMCA, Hope Network, Inner-City Christian Federation, Spectrum Health Foundation, Spectrum Health Hospitals, and DeVos Children’s Hospital Foundation. Miles previously was elected as a Grand Rapids Bar Association Trustee and chaired its Diversity Committee from 1998

to 2002.

The U.S. Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer in the District, responsible for federal criminal prosecutions and civil cases involving the U.S. Government. The Western District of Michigan consists of 49 counties, including the entire Upper Peninsula, as well as 11 federally-recognized Native American Indian tribes.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office is comprised of 75 employees, including 35 attorneys and 40 support staff. The main office, where U.S. Attorney Miles is headquartered, is in Grand Rapids, and branch offices are located in Lansing, Marquette and Kalamazoo.

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Announcements

**Eye appointment information**  
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**Local fundraiser planned**  
A fundraiser has been planned for Terry Deuman on Wednesday, July 24 from 4 to 7 pm. at the Brimley VFW. Terry is battling esophageal cancer and is currently under treatment. Dinner will include burgers, brats, salads, desserts and a drink. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under age 7. For more information contact Tammy Ellis at 906-322-3650. Donations may also be mailed to Terry c/o Tammy Ellis, P.O. Box 43, Brimley MI 49715.

**Celebrate St. Francis Xavier anniversary**  
Join fellow community members in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brimley. Bishop Alexander Sample will celebrate with Mass at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12, with dinner following at Brimley High School. Please RSVP to the parish office by July 25 by calling 906-248-3443.

**Garage sale**  
A garage sale will be held July 18 to 20 from noon to 7 p.m. at 12565 W. Wolf Avenue in Bay Mills. Items up for sale include jewelry, carnival glass, collectibles, books and pictures.

**Golf scramble**  
A four-person golf scramble will be held on Aug. 26 at Wild Bluff Golf Course, starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 per player, which includes a BBQ dinner following. This fundraiser will raise money for tribal member Bev Carrick and her daughters Autumn and Victoria Aikens to attend the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha in Rome, Italy in October. To sign up call 906-248-5860.

**Quilt raffle**  
The Community Quilters have donated a quilt that will be raffled off for the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Research Society. Tickets are available at the Brimley Train Museum and are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing will take place on Oct. 14.

**Internships available**  
Are you a Bay Mills Indian Community member pursuing a college degree and wanting to get some on the job experience? If so, then come and speak to a recruiter at Bay Mills Human Resources Department. They will work with you to try and find you a suitable “unpaid” internship within the tribe so you can start gaining experience in your field that will expand your opportunities.

Most positions you will be interviewing for in the future require experience and this is a great way to start building your resume. Your initiative could greatly improve your employment potential. Whether you are in business, accounting, health and human services, medical, law enforcement, EMS, fisheries, marketing, or any other field the tribe offers, HR will work with you to provide real-world experience. All intern placements are subject to department director approval.

HR will also work with candidates on creating professional resumes and interviewing techniques. For more information, call 906-248-8500.

**Habitat Day in Cedarville**  
Quality Deer Management Association, Michigan Tree Farm and Michigan Forest Association will host a habitat day in Cedarville on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 8399 M-134, approximately eight miles east of Cedarville. Signs will be posted. The main focus will be improving habitat for deer and how sustainable forestry can help landowners accomplish that goal. The program starts at 10 a.m. with a seminar on trapping coyotes. Michigan Tree Farm and Michigan Forest Association will then present a seminar on how

landowners can incorporate sustainable forestry into improving habitat for deer. A short awards ceremony will follow, then lunch break, provided at no cost to attendees.

Afterwards, Jeff Sturgis of Whitetail Habitat Solutions will present a walk and talk on deer habitat and hunting strategies. The program is scheduled to conclude at approximately 3 p.m. Contact Rich or Karen Serfass at 906-635-5439.

**Community garden planted**  
The Commodity Food Program has taken over the community garden this year, but it is still for anyone in the community. Please come by to help out and give us ideas on what you want planted in the future.

Participants are asked to take only what they need and to spend some time pulling weeds.

Planted are carrots, peas, green beans, green peppers, spinach, tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes, cantaloupe, basil, rosemary and dill.

Also available is a small roto tiller for a small garden or flower bed — just sign it out at the Commodity Food building on Lakeshore Drive in Bay Mills. For more information, call Kris Schwiderson at 906-248-2527 or email to kschwiderson@hotmail.com

**Lamplight Tours of Whitefish Point**  
Visit the Point on July 21, featuring guided tours of the Whitefish Point Light Station, tower tours; all monies raised will benefit light-tower restoration. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

**Tahquamenon Valley Cruisers annual Car and Truck Show**  
July 20-21, 2012: Come on down to downtown Newberry. Fun for all ages! Friday night is Cruise Night with the lineup starting at The Knollwood Inn on M-28 at 6 p.m. for a cruise up M-123 to Muskallonge State Park. Saturday, July 21, car show registration starts at 8 a.m. in downtown Newberry and goes until 4 p.m. when trophies will be awarded. Lots of activities including kid’s tractor pull and games, Jail and Bail, vendors, area merchants, silent auctions and 50/50’s. All proceeds benefit local charities. For more information call 906-293-3816.

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**Locals on the Bay Waterfront Entertainment in St. Ignace**  
July 25 & Aug. 8: Locals on the Bay Free Waterfront Entertainment Series, St. Ignace. Enjoy free waterfront entertainment by local musicians during an evening performance, 7 to 8:30 p.m., on the shores of Lake Huron, marina pavilion, downtown St. Ignace. Donations accepted.

**Breakfast in Newberry**  
July 28 and 29: Lumberjack Breakfast and Music Festival at the Tahquamenon Logging Museum, M-123 north of Newberry. Breakfast goes from 7 a.m. to noon each day and costs \$7.50 each. Come out for a great breakfast of bacon, eggs, homemade sausage, pancakes and fried potatoes cooked over an authentic wood stove and served in the Cook Shack as it was done 100 years ago. Danny Johnston and Cedar Swamp Boys and Jeff Guenther will perform along with other volunteer musicians from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Music Pavilion. Sunday gospel music starts at noon in the Music Pavilion followed by more folk music in the afternoon until 6 p.m.

**Sault Ships & Sailabration, Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Days**  
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sion for the Great Lakes and the sea. Tall Ship Tours and Trips – A tall sailing ship will dock in Sault Ste. Marie allowing for tours and short trips.

**Friends of the Library book sale**  
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**Sault Summer Arts Festival**  
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**Lighthouse Keeper’s Day at Whitefish Point Museum**  
Visit the lighthouse on Aug. 11. Featuring special programs, walking tours and music. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

**Tahqua Trail Run, Tahquamenon Falls State Park**  
This Aug. 11 trail race is put on by Great Lakes Endurance. Distances include 25k and 50k, both finishing at the Upper Falls. A special 2k kid’s race takes place on Friday at 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. All ages are welcome to register online at www.greatlakesendurance.com.

**Speaker series Aug. 18**  
The Eastland Disaster will be discussed. Featuring maritime historian at Whitefish Point. Event will take place on Aug. 18 at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

**Paradise Blueberry Festival**  
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President Barack Obama signs H.R. 205, the HEARTH Act of 2012, in the Oval Office, July 30. Standing behind the President, from left, are: Bay Mills Indian Community member Bryan Newland, senior policy advisor at the Department of the Interior; Gov. Randall Vicente, Pueblo of Acoma in New Mexico; David Hayes, deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior; Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians; Rep. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.; Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; Interior Secretary Ken Salazar; Bay Mills Indian Community member Cheryl Causley, chairperson of the National American Indian Housing Council; Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community of Arizona; and Del Laverdure, acting assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior.

## Two Bay Mills tribal members witness signing of HEARTH Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On July 30 President Obama demonstrated the latest step in his commitment to Native Americans by signing into law the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act. This legislation allows tribes to lease restricted lands for residential, business, public, religious, educational, or recreational purposes without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The HEARTH Act promotes greater tribal self-determination and will help create jobs in Indian Country. Under the Act, federally recognized tribes can develop and implement their own regulations governing certain leasing on Indian lands.

Upon Secretarial approval of these tribal regulations, tribes will have the authority to process land leases without Bureau of Indian Affairs approval. This new authority has the potential to significantly reduce the time it takes to approve leases for homes and small businesses in Indian Country. By allowing tribes to more quickly and easily lease their lands,

the bill promotes investment in tribal communities and more broadly facilitates economic development.

The HEARTH Act builds on the Administration’s strong record of accomplishments for Native Americans and Native Alaskans and complements existing initiatives to strengthen tribal economies.

Just recently, on July 12, Treasury announced that it is opening up \$1.8 billion of Tribal Economic Development bonds for reallocation to tribal governments. The TED bond program was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and provides tribes with the authority to issue tax-exempt debt for a wider range of activities to spur job creation and promote economic growth in Indian Country.

By providing tribes with the ability to issue tax-exempt debt in a manner similar to that available to state and local governments, tribes can lower their borrowing costs and more easily engage in new economic development projects.

## Historic tree to get the axe from township

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — The fate of the historic Eastern white pine located on the former Iroquois Grocery site has been decided. It will fall to the axe within the month.

At their Aug. 8 meeting, the Bay Mills Township Board accepted a bid from American Tree Service in Dafter to take down the tree for \$700, leaving the lot clear for the eventual construction of an emergency services building.

The architectural drawings were available at the meeting, showing the building erected on the west side of the lot directly in front of the tree with a gravel driveway on the east side of the lot. Citizens in attendance questioned whether the building could be moved to the eastern portion, but board member Ray Baker pointed out that the tree would then be in the middle of the driveway and the emergency vehicles would be closer and more disturbing to nearby residents.

The township board did attempt to purchase the unoccupied land to the east, Supervisor Roger Graham said, offering a “true cash value” of \$14,000, but the property owners insisted on \$80,00, so negotiations ended. Baker pointed out that the existing lot is small and limits how the building can be situated.

“Everyone wants to keep the tree,” said Baker, “but it is something that has to happen, unfortunately, and this new building will benefit the whole community.”

He added that the board does want to respect the feelings that the community has for the 200-year-old, 65-foot pine and intends to act on suggestions made previously to commemorate the tree in some fashion. The board sent a letter in June to Kurt Perron, chairman of Bay Mills Indian Community, offering a donation of a portion of the tree to be used in their proposed construction of a new pavilion at the site of the cultural building that was lost to a fire years ago. Baker will also contact the tribe about the possibility of performing a memorial ceremony if they wish.

John Morrison, township employee, has offered to cut the tree into memorial pieces for those interested and the board plans to replant another Eastern white pine on the property in a better location. They also plan to incorporate lumber from the downed tree into the construction of the new emergency services building.

The tree will be gone within the month, so community members who wish to be involved in a farewell ceremony should contact members of the township board as soon as possible. Contact Roger Graham at 906-248-5356, Mary Swendsen at 906-437-5316, Dawn Recla at 906-437-5373, Ray Baker at 906-437-5385, or Dan Wilcox at 906-437-5305.

In other business, the board approved a resolution to split a subdivision lot to provide access for a resident’s driveway; approved keeping 1 mill for township operating expenses rather than raising it to the allowable 1.6 mills; and approved preparing a resolution for support of the Sportsmen’s Off Road Vehicle Association’s plans to develop two DNR-approved ATV trails, partially located in Bay Mills Township.

Due to residents’ interest in a fall clean up, the board set a collection date of Saturday, Sept. 15 with an alternate date of Saturday, Sept. 22. They plan to have a small 20-yard dumpster and a compactor available for use.

While presenting his Maintenance & Projects Report, Graham said a new fence around the Steamer Myron’s gravesite in Mission Hill Cemetery is almost complete. Someone connected with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum in Paradise has expressed an interest in the site, which contains the unidentified remains of sailors lost to the shipwreck of the Myron in 1919. Graham is hoping to get some funding for improvements to the site and asked if the board would be interested in putting up a memorial marker. Bob St. Peter of St. Peter Monuments will present the cost of such a memorial at the next meeting, set for Wednesday, Sept. 12.

## Emerald ash borer confirmed on Sugar Island reservation

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Kiss your ash trees goodbye.

Emerald ash borer larvae presence has been confirmed in the ash tree population on Bay Mills Indian Community’s Sugar Island reservation. The area was already considered part of a level II quarantine as a preventative measure, but this is the first time the beetle has been found in that region.

A quarantine level II area includes the townships within a quarantined county that contain and adjoin a known EAB infested site.

The U.P. counties currently under quarantine are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Houghton, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft. The Lower Peninsula continues to be quarantined in its entirety and is designated as a quarantine level I area.

Bay Mills Biological Services interns discovered the larvae and the department is continuing to assess the situation; however, the outcome for the ash trees remains bleak.

“There is no fix for this invasive species, but if possible we can do things to limit the spread and try and protect some of the trees from infection,” said Biologist Amanda Bosak.

“The options available are no action, cut trees, use chemical treatment, or biological control. Once we



PICKING BUGS — Rachel Browning and Dee Mitchell (L-R) collect specimens from an EAB trap. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

survey the area more closely, we will be able to determine our options based on the number of trees that we estimated may be infected, the size of the trees, their accessibility, effectiveness in other locations of treatments/combination of treatments, time, and cost.”

EAB was first confirmed in the state in the summer of 2002. Since that time it has spread rapidly, killing more than 30 million ash trees, most often from the movement of infected firewood. In 2005, the borer was found in Brimley State Park, also likely from the movement of firewood. Michigan’s Dept. of Agriculture has created quarantine zones in an attempt to stop the spread, but it appears EAB is continuing to afflict ash trees regardless.

Bay Mills has one thing working in its favor and that’s timing.

“Late fall and early spring are the recommended times to treat an area, because adults have died by the fall or have not emerged yet in the spring,” said Bosak. “We have some time to figure out our options.”

Funding those options could be another issue. While an abundance of grant monies existed for treating EAB when it was first discovered a decade ago, its spread across the state has tapped out those funds.

The biology department will look into the use of pesticides and parasitic insects, and make a recommendation to Bay Mills Executive Council about treatment.

In the meantime, property owners are being reminded not move firewood from their property to stop the spread of beetle. Even trees that are cut are a risk, as larvae can survive in a downed tree.



TAKE A BOW — On Aug. 6, Web Kinney, a Bay Mills Indian Community elder, presented a longbow he made to BMIC Conservation crew, Captain Don Carrick Jr. and Justin Carrick (L-R). The Conservation Department purchased the wood and Kinney donated his time and skill. The bow will be auctioned off at the Native Fisheries and Wildlife Conference next month, to raise funds for scholarships for Native American students. Kinney teaches the art of longbow making to anyone interested. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



# Candidate field narrowed with primary election

SAULT STE. MARIE — The primary election held on Tuesday, Aug. 7 brought positive results for local townships and school districts. The millage proposal for Brimley Area Schools passed 198-189. This millage will allow the school to fund a roof replacement project over the next three years.

Whitefish Township voters also backed their school district, voting in favor of a 1.25 millage

request.

Kinross Township voters also approved a millage favoring emergency medical services, voting 265-209. Rudyard Township’s blacktopping and road improvement projects will also move forward, as will Sugar Island’s road improvement projects as millages received the thumbs up from voters.

Drummond Island voters supported two requests for funding.

One millage asked voters to support general operating expenses while the other was a renewal request for library operations.

In the race for Chippewa County sheriff, Robert Savoie came out on top, defeating Paul Rambo on the Republican ticket. He will face Emil Mattson in November. Savoie is the incumbent in the race.

Democrat “Coach” Jim Martin was defeated by Suzanne Shumway by a slim margin of only 27 votes. Martin did not seek a recount and said he wished Shumway the best of luck in the fall.

She will face Republican incumbent Frank Foster for the 107th District House of Representatives seat. Both are from the Petoskey area.

Seeking Chippewa County Commission seats will be current chairman Scott Shackleton for District I. He defeated John Sawruk on the Republican ticket 270-199 and will face off with Democrat Clayton McGahey in the fall.

In District II, Don Cooper gathered enough support to sail into the November election unopposed. He defeated fellow Democrat Don McLean. There is

no Republican candidate on the ballot.

Also appearing on the ballot in November will be District IV with current Democratic Commissioner Ted Postula taking on Republican challenger James Traynor. In District V, incumbent Republican George Kinsella of Brimley will be challenged by Democrat Raymond “Rudy” Johnson of Strong’s.

Other races of interest include former state rep. Gary McDowell of Rudyard facing off against Republican incumbent Dan Benishek for the 101st congressional seat.

# Don Cooper

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**OPEN HOUSE —** Ribbon cutting ceremonies and an open house were held at the new Hospice House on July 19. There is no cost to reside at the Hospice House, but space is very limited.

## EUP Hospice House completed *Donation at open house stuns director*

**By Shannon Jones**  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — A project years in the making finally celebrated completion on July 19 as the Hospice House held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at its new Sault Ste. Marie location.

The house has been a longtime dream for Hospice Director Tracy Holt, who said her family has listened to her “eat, breath

and sleep Hospice for eight years” since the board began talking about the idea.

The \$900,000 building, constructed by McGahey Construction, will provide a comfortable living environment for five patients. Hospice care is available to any person whose life expectancy is measured in terms of months. It addresses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patient and their families.

“Soon this house will be a home,” said Rev. Barry Levine, who offered the first blessing in front of a large crowd of community members.

And as if Holt wasn’t overwhelmed enough about the project being completed, she was in for another surprise. Robert and Ellen Ball of Zephyrhills, Fla. stepped forward and donated \$100,000 to go towards the remainder of the \$300k mortgage. The Ball family donated in honor of their loved ones who have passed on.

The donation floored Holt, who pretty much lost the speech she had planned, joking \$100,000 ago she had everything she wanted to say in her head.

“The only thing I can really say is thank you. No way would this have been possible without

community support,” she said, visibly choking back tears.

Since ground broke on the project last October, numerous fund raisers have been held and many community businesses and organizations stepped up to make the home a reality.

Staff training took place in July and will continue until patients are brought in. The target date was set for Aug. 13 to start accepting patients, and Hospice has already been flooded with calls from people asking about being placed on a patient list.

There is no cost for patients to be housed at the Hospice House. Hospice is a team effort to enhance the quality of life for dying patients and their families as they plan and live their last days together. It’s an encouragement for people to live their lives to the fullest, with dignity and peace, until they die.

Community volunteers are the heart of hospice and supplement the professional and paraprofessional services. Bereavement services continue for family members during their recovery from the loss of their loved ones.

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# Karr joins Bay Mills staff as chief financial officer

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — A new chief financial officer is taking the reins at Bay Mills Indian Community. Joyce Karr, a native of Lansing, officially began her CFO duties on Aug. 6.

The position had been vacant since the retirement of Mike Brooks almost five years ago; Controller Greg Parker had been filling in for the interim until a permanent person was selected.

The search was long and arduous

for Bay Mills Executive Council. Karr initially applied in late March after hearing about the position from a friend in Bay Mills.

Karr has been visiting the local area for years with her husband, Ron, to fish and golf and couldn't think of a better place to work.

"It's always been a dream to live in the U.P.," she said.

She is no stranger to the winter weather either, as she did some of her undergraduate work while attending college in Marquette. She earned her bachelor's degree in business adminis-

tration, majoring in accounting, and her master's degree in administration — both from Central Michigan University. She received the outstanding graduate project award in grad school for her work on increasing cash flow in government organizations.

A licensed and certified public accountant with extensive experience in accounting and auditing, Karr took an early retirement from the State of Michigan where she worked at a director's level, overseeing the work of a staff of approximately 60 people. After that she operated her own business as

a financial consultant.

Karr considers herself a "numbers person" and enjoys problem solving and coming up with long term strategies. While she is still in "learning mode" acclimating herself to the new position, she looks forward to working with each department.

"I will work on getting the tribe in a more fiscally sound position," she said.

Karr is residing in Bay Mills and plans on making the area her home.

"We are sticking around long term. This is where we want to live."



# Brimley Booster club seeks members

By Alison Walker  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The beginning of a new school year signifies one thing in common for parents and school districts — trying to make ends meet in a budget that has been tightened by the economy.

With budget cuts to education, athletic programs were not spared from the financial blow, and Brimley Area Schools knows that firsthand. Currently, all Brimley sports teams are "pay to play" for athletes to participate. In an effort to off-set costs for both the district and athletes, the Brimley Booster Club is working to fund athletics so parents aren't stuck footing the bill.

The club is a non-profit organization that operates with the sole premise of fundraising to help ensure athletes are able to participate in a sport and that the needs of teams are met in regards to equipment and facilities.

"We [my wife and I] both feel very strongly that young people should enjoy their four years of high school, getting a good education first, then enjoying all the extracurricular activities that high school has to offer," said Booster Club President Terry Maguran.

"In all of these programs you learn how to work within a group, how the most important thing is the team and helping each other to make the team a success. You learn that there is no 'I' in team, but hard work and dedication to the team will help you as you pursue your lifelong dreams and ambitions."

The group consists mainly of parents of student athletes, but all community members are welcome to sup-

port the cause and join. Maguran himself became involved after retiring and moving to Brimley. He and his wife began attending local sports and events and heard about the needs of the athletes and the current booster club. So the pair stepped up and are hoping others will do the same. Marguran is encouraging the community to get involved in the BBC because after all, "it's for the children."

This year, the boosters are planning a number of projects, from helping to provide new roofs for the baseball dugouts to a new score board for the football field, which was recently hit by lightning, and raise money for a new concession stand/ ticket booth for the football field. Marguran feels the more people that get involved, the easier these projects will be to accomplish.

Those interested in getting involved in the boosters can come to the meetings which are held in the Brimley High School cafeteria every month. Each meeting lasts about an hour, usually on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Potential Booster Club members can also check out the Brimley Booster Club group on Facebook, which is now open for anyone to join, and keep up to date on upcoming events and fundraisers.

The Brimley Booster Club is always looking for donations, whether it is time or money. For example, the boosters are looking for man power to help build the new roofs for the dugouts at the baseball diamonds.

If you would like to make a donation, or would like to help with a project, call Terry Maguran at 734-673-7204.

# Vietnam "Moving Wall" memorial in Sault Ste. Marie later this month

SAULT STE. MARIE — Residents of the Eastern Upper Peninsula will have an opportunity to show honor and respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice when a portable replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial comes to Sault Ste. Marie August 24 to 27.

The lawn at City Hall will host "The Moving Wall" — a 253-foot memorial that bears the names of 58,272 soldiers, including approximately 1,300 who are still unaccounted for, either prisoners of war or missing in action. This visit of "The Moving Wall" is sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Convention & Visitors Bureau and The Sault Events.

Beginning with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, the site will be open for visitors around the clock until the closing ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Aug., 27.

"The Moving Wall" was originally conceived by three Vietnam veterans from California: John Devitt, Gery Haver and Norris Shears. Devitt had attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and wanted to "share the power and good" he had experienced by visiting the memorial, according to officials. Construction began in February of 1983 and was complete in October of 1984. "The Moving Wall" was paid for by contributions from the public.

Linda Hoath, Executive Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the outpouring of support and volunteerism in anticipation of the memorial's arrival has been remarkable. "It is truly a community effort to host the wall and we have been pleased by the number of groups and individuals willing to help. We are still in need of volunteers, but I am very thankful for the number of people who have come forward to participate in this meaningful event," said Hoath.



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# OPINION

## Stop IRS’s Indian Treaty Violations

By John Steele

Our Indian nations and tribes are the first American sovereigns. Our people were always free.

When Red Cloud saw the American flag, he asked what it meant. He was told it is the symbol of the United States. So, he took out an arrow and tied an eagle feather to the end. He shot the arrow into the flag-pole above the American flag, and Red Cloud said, “That eagle feather is our flag.”

Sitting Bull said, “We are free people. No one controls the path we walk.”

Crazy Horse said, “We preferred our own way of living and we were no expense to the government.”

The Sioux Nation Treaty of 1868 reserved western South Dakota, from the low water mark on the east bank of the Missouri River through the Black Hills to the Wyoming border, as the “permanent home” of the Great Sioux Nation. The Treaty preserved our Lakota homeland for our “absolute and undisturbed” use, and forbade any unauthorized persons from entering our lands.

The heroes of the Civil War—President Grant, General Sherman and General Sheridan—broke the Treaty and sent Custer to his fate. Then they sent more and more armies against us, killing many of our chiefs and families on a genocidal campaign to steal our Black Hills and our gold.

Sherman said that he wanted us to be helpless and dependent. Today, our Lakota people are the poorest in the United States. Five of the 10 poorest counties in the United States are located on the original lands of the Great Sioux Nation in North and South Dakota. It is no accident that we are poor—it is the direct result of United States’ policy to steal land and resources from Indian nations.

As tribal governments, we struggle to provide opportunity for our people, under our reserved rights to self-government. Our rights are human rights that pre-date the United States.

Thomas Jefferson said, “All men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

On the Good Red Road, we seek good lives, real jobs, health and happiness. To us, liberty means respect for our self-government and Treaty rights.

Yet, once again, the United States is violating our rights. This time it is not the 7th Cavalry. Today it is the Internal Revenue Service that is sent out against us.

The IRS recognizes that, when the Federal and state governments fund public schools, affordable housing, health care, and old age assistance, those are essential government functions. Yet, when Indian tribes provide education, housing, health care, and elder care to our people, the IRS wants to tax us under the General Welfare Doctrine because we provide our programs to all tribal citizens and we do not “means test” our people.

Naturally, we serve all of our people; after all, we are an Indian nation and we have always done so. When an elderly grandmother was hungry and she had lost her sons, the young hunter provided her buffalo. Today, we refuse to peek into checkbooks before we feed our elders or provide lunch to our children.

The IRS is discriminating against Indian tribes by seeking to audit all Indian tribes in the country. The IRS is not conducting similar audits of the state and local governments.

For example, Pennsylvania makes elderly payments from the state lottery proceeds, but the IRS does not complain about that. Georgia pays for college scholarships for all qualified state citizens, yet the IRS is not seeking to tax Georgia students.

The IRS has been coming out to Indian reservations, camping out at tribal government headquarters for weeks at a time, seeking to force us to conform our tribal self-government to IRS guidelines. Sitting Bull said, “the White Man knows how to make everything,

but he does not know how to distribute anything.”

We will serve our people according to our traditional values, and the IRS should recognize that we reserved that right under our Treaties. In *Ex Parte Crow Dog* (1883), the Supreme Court said that our Treaties and Agreements reserve to the Sioux Nation “the best and highest form of government, self-government.”

The Constitution recognizes Indian tribes as prior sovereigns, with the power to make treaties and affirms the earliest Indian treaties that guaranteed tribal homelands and protection for tribal government. The Constitution refers to tribal citizens as “Indians not taxed,” recognizing that our people were originally citizens of Indian nations, not citizens of the United States.

More than 90 years after the Declaration of Independence, the United States had agreed to over 370 Indian treaties. In 1868, the Constitution’s 14th Amendment affirmed those treaties by repeating the original exclusion of “Indians not taxed” from congressional apportionment and taxation. The 14th Amendment also excluded tribal citizens from the Citizenship Clause.

As the Supreme Court said, explained in *Elk v. Wilkins* (1884), the United States dealt with Indian nations through treaty and agreement, not by passing laws to govern tribal citizens on tribal lands.

Although born in the United States, our people were subject to our own nation’s jurisdiction, not the United States’ jurisdiction, so our grandparents did not become U.S. citizens. In 1874, Chief Spotted Tail told President Grant, “if I was a citizen, I would vote for you.” That was before the Custer fight, of course.

In 1924, when Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, our Lakota and Dakota people sought a provision to protect tribal self-government. Congress enacted the proviso along as part of the Indian Citizenship Act:

“[A]ll non citizen Indians born within the territorial limits of the United States be, and they are hereby, declared to be citizens of the United States: Provided That the granting of such citizenship shall not in any manner impair or otherwise affect the right of any Indian to tribal or other property.”

So, under the original terms of the Constitution and the 14th Amendment, the Sioux Nation Treaty of 1868, and the Indian Citizenship Act, the IRS must not tax our tribal government programs as income to tribal members.

Yet, the IRS wants to ignore our treaties and ignore Federal law because they seek a “uniform rule” that applies the same across the country. They want to tax tribal elderly payments, tribal cultural activities, tribal housing, education and health care. They even want to tax burial programs.

Who gets the tax bill? The husband and father who has passed on to the spirit world? Or the grieving widow and orphans?

Chief Red Cloud said, “They made us many promises, but they kept only one. They promised to take our land and they took it.” Now, the IRS is trying to take away our government.

We understand “uniform rules” because Indian people have the highest rate of military service in the Nation. I, myself, am a Vietnam combat veteran. Treaties are among the “supreme law of the land,” so we have a “uniform rule” for IRS: Respect our treaties!

Congress must pass a law to tell the IRS that, when we provide for the general welfare of tribal citizens, when we work to make our Indian lands a livable “permanent home,” when we promote the trust responsibility and treaties, agreements, and statutes, tribal governments promote the general welfare of the United States. Our programs are not subject to Federal income tax.

*John Steele is the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Reprinted with the permission of Indian Country Today Media Network.*

## Why pornography is evil and sinful?

By Fr.Augustine Jacob

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines pornography as "removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties" (no. 2337).

Sadly, pornography is a pervasive, multi-billion dollar business in our country alone, with revenues generated from movies, cable and dish network television, magazines, books and other materials.

U.S. News & World Report claimed that the pornography industry grossed roughly \$8 billion in 1997 and continues to escalate each year. In the year 2002, 630 million "adult" videos were rented in the United States. The threat of pornography over the Internet cannot be discounted because 70 percent of children viewing pornography on the Internet do so in public schools and libraries.

The Catechism gives three reasons why pornography is wrong and sinful. First, pornography offends against the virtue of chastity. Second, pornography offends the dignity of the participants (actors, vendors, public). Each one is

exploited himself or exploits others in some way for personal pleasure or gain. Third, those who engage in pornography immerse themselves in a fantasy world, withdrawing from reality.

While genuine love always involves a self-giving of oneself for the good of others, pornography entices a person to withdraw into a selfish world of perverted fantasy which may later be acted out to the detriment of oneself and others. The sinfulness of pornography, is intensified by the fact that it is a spiritual cancer that corrupts the person, making him an addict to all perverse activities and abusive in the society.

Without question, pornography has a devastating impact upon all of society, especially women and young children. The American Psychiatric Association found that 20 percent of porn addicts divorce or separate because of their addiction.

When you're watching porn, chances are you're lusting after the people in it. Lust=adultery, according to what Jesus said in the scriptures (Matthew 5:27-29).

There are no loop holes; even if

you're married, it's still a sexually immoral sin.

What Jesus meant by "If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away" is that if something is constantly causing you to sin, you need to get it out of your life ASAP.

Maybe it's your PC? If it's causing you to sin, you could get rid of it altogether or just buy a web-filter to block out all those websites you don't need to be viewing. If it's some already purchased movies, don't just give them away, get rid of them without passing the evil on.

You will not regret leaving adultery behind brother, may God bless you! Pray to Him for His strength and for perseverance when you're tempted. If you're in the midst of temptation just call out to Him. Ask Him to bring you out of it and He will.

Our God is a God of action and he will never pass up the opportunity to bring an asking believer out of temptation victoriously. He is bigger than temptation!

*Fr. Augustine Jacob is the new pastor of Blessed Kateri Catholic Church in Bay Mills.*

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## Perplexed by the Tea Party’s views

By Al Demroske

Tea Party types perplex me greatly with their views of a democracy. I constantly hear the cry of constitutionality from your spokespersons. The latest puzzlement comes to me in the form of the ruling by our Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act, or as you like to call it, “Obamacare.”

I easily understand the controversy this ruling is invoking but what section of the Constitution tells you that the decision was unconstitutional? I am quoting from the Constitution that I have before me — if you have a different version, please let me see it.

From Article 111, Section 1 and 2: “The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court ...” From section 2: “The judicial power shall extend to all cases ...” And there is a lengthy spelling out of very specific authorities and every possible branch of government and situation.

A female House member was televised dancing with joy when she mistakenly heard that the ACA had been rejected by the Court as unconstitutional. Obviously, she was very accepting of that outcome when she thought that it had favored her views. That changed in a flash when the correct outcome was learned.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, said, “No matter what a couple of judges say, the law is unconstitutional,” and there were plenty of other voices echoing that sentiment.

Remember when Gore and Bush had a very hotly contested election? The Supreme Court ruled to stop the counting of the votes in Florida, thus effectively giving the presidency to the eventual two-termed Bush. There was absolutely no cry from you Constitutional types.

I am curious. Where in the Constitution does it specifically give power to the Supreme Court to stop states from counting votes for a presidential election and, in essence, choose our president?

And I always hear about states’ rights. In a recent case, the Supreme Court ruled against Montana’s law that restricted political outside-money contributions, because the citizens of that state did not want huge donations from outsiders effecting their local elections — so much for states’ rights.

And how about the idea of the Constitution and compromising, which is a dirty word to a true Tea Party type? No compromise is allowed in your world. “It’s my way or the highway.”

I am nowhere close to being a Constitutional scholar but it is obvious that our revered Constitutional founders did indeed compromise all over the place. I will cite one example among many: the compromise that gave us the basic form of government we have today, commonly referred to by scholars as “The Great Compromise.” It came to fruition after weeks of debate.

Then there were the slavery issues. Even today, there are Tea Party types who do not accept Amendment XIV, civil rights, as constitutional. Again, Sen. Rand Paul has publicly stated this.

Those pesky amendments! Check out article V: it takes a three-fourths vote along the way for it to become ratified.

My take on the Tea Party is you believe that only you can decide what is and what is not constitutional. How does this view differ from a dictatorship?

We have an election and when things do not go your way, you cry, “Take back our country!” Apparently there is no “our” country for me, unless I agree with your views.

I also hear, “The Tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.” The meaning of this statement is quite clear to me after listening to many people state their dissatisfaction with the way an election has turned out that was not in their favor and refer to their second amendment rights, or the right to bear arms.

Armed rebellion in order for you to force your views onto others no matter how the majority might vote? How is that different from anarchy or a dictatorship?

It seems to me that that your view of democracy is fairly simple: an election or Supreme Court decision or law is only valid if it supports your own views.

I would enjoy having a civil debate with a Tea Party advocate or two. Any takers? I am easy to find in the telephone book.

*Al Demroske is a retired teacher and resides in Brimley.*





# Employee Summerfest 2012

BAY MILLS — There was perfect weather and a great turnout for the 2012 Bay Mills Employee Summer-Fest, held at the Bay Mills Ball Diamond on July 29. This was a day set aside for all Bay Mills employees and their families to come out and have a little fun with complimentary food and beverages provided by Bay Mills Resort & Casinos.

There were six employee softball teams that played a round robin tournament from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the Bay Mills Law Enforcement taking down the crown under the lights. Other big winners of the night were Dan Tadgerson taking the 2012 Employee Hotdog eating contest for the second year in a row.

Kim Carrick and Jen Corbiere took the trophy for the 5th annual Employee Box Car race. The Human Resources Department, once again, took the award for the best overall boxcar design with their functional heli-copter design. The BoxCar Competition raised over \$3,000 this year and over \$28,000 over the past five years, which goes to the scholarships of deceased tribal members, Billy “Boy” Cameron, Jackie Leapley, Veronica VanSloten and Marcel LeBlanc. Chuck Leapley received a special “appreciation award” for all his efforts in helping to raise funds for this event.

Special thanks for all their assistance to the Oren & his Maintenance Staff, Chuck’s crew, Dennis & his kitchen staff, The child care center volunteers, & the girls of the Human Resources Department for putting on a fun-filled event. And a huge thank you to Bay Mills Resort & Casino’s for continuing to promote and support this annual event for the employees.



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# Sault celebration marked with Inland Seas cruise on river

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Visitors to the city's annual summer celebration had a unique opportunity this year to sail the St. Marys River on the schooner, Inland Seas.

On Aug. 3 and 4, Sault Ste. Marie held their annual event, this year combining traditional activities with new. The first Sault Ships and Sailabration featured the usual Downtown Days, History Fest, classic car and motorcycle show, children's activities and food vendors and added several performances by the U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes and excursions on the tall ship, Inland Seas, to the mix.

Many of the activities took place on Water Street with its historic homes, featuring an encampment, historic re-enactors and vendors. The nearby Kemp Marina served as the docking site for the Inland Seas.

On Friday, Aug. 3, the ship left the dock on its first voyage of the summer festival at 6 p.m. with 27 aboard, and returned at 9 p.m., just as the sun was setting. Other sails were planned for the following Saturday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at a cost of \$50 apiece for a three-hour tour.

While aboard the 77-foot, two-masted schooner, participants had the chance to become one of the crew, raising the sails and taking a turn at the wheel. They also took part in some of the scientific studies in Island Ecology and Oceanography being conducted as part of a special arrangement



Photo by Tom Ewing

between Lake Superior State University and the Inland Lakes.

Assisted by the new "sailors," the crew threw a "Gopher Trawl" into the waters of the St. Marys, trawling for whatever fish species they could capture, and also collected sediment from the river bottom for later analysis. Below decks, participants could examine an analysis of water chemistry and view plankton through a micro-video system.

While under sail, the ship provided many historic views of both sides of the international river that separates Canada and the U.S. The temporary crewmembers enjoyed familiar river sights such as the Great Lakes freighter, Roger Blough, the Soo Locks Boat Tours, Sugar Island ferry and several sail-

boats and motorboats passing close by. A spectacular sunset over the International Bridge as the Roger Blough was locking through the Soo Locks completed the journey in a memorable way.

Although this was the first time a trip on the Inland Seas was offered during the Sault Ships and Sailabration event, this is the third year LSSU has offered courses that incorporate sailing cruises aboard the schooner, which sails out of Suttons Bay.

The Oceanography course laboratory was held on board from July 23 to 27, and the Island Ecology course concluded Aug. 6 to 9 on the Inland Seas, examining the ecological conditions on several islands in the St. Marys River and St. Helena Island in the Straits of Mackinac.



ABOARD SHIP— Above, crew members go about their scientific jobs, collecting sediment and setting up the Gopher Trawl. Below, some young temporary sailors help the crew haul up sail and steer past river traffic while others just enjoy the view.



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# Sault Summer Arts Festival celebrates 40th year

The Sault Summer Arts Festival recognized its 40th anniversary show on Tuesday, Aug. 7, showcasing the works of artists both local and national. Winning awards this year were:

Best of Show was Wellman and Welsch with ceramics, described as all functional but a lot of it can be classified as more art than craft.

Best of Crafts went to Janet Bonnell, who is fresh from major awards at both Cheboygan and Art on the Rocks. She makes sculptural coiled baskets from pine needles and/or sweet grass.

Painting Award went to Keely Hakala, a young newcomer from Highland Park, Ill.

Captain William Palmer won the Judge's Choice Award with his carvings.

The Aarre Lahti Design Award went to Gail Van Sledright, a newcomer from Alto, Mich. She works with fused glass.

Jewelry Award was given to Cindy Mullen, a newcomer from East Tawas. Mullen sets beach glass into her hand crafted silver.

Fiber Arts Award went to Liz Wiedyk of Omer, Mich., a festival regular who had handwoven rugs.

Graphics Award went to David Bigelow of Sault Ste. Marie. He has never been in the festival without winning an award. Bigelow works in pen and ink, watercolor and pastels and won for pen and inks this year.

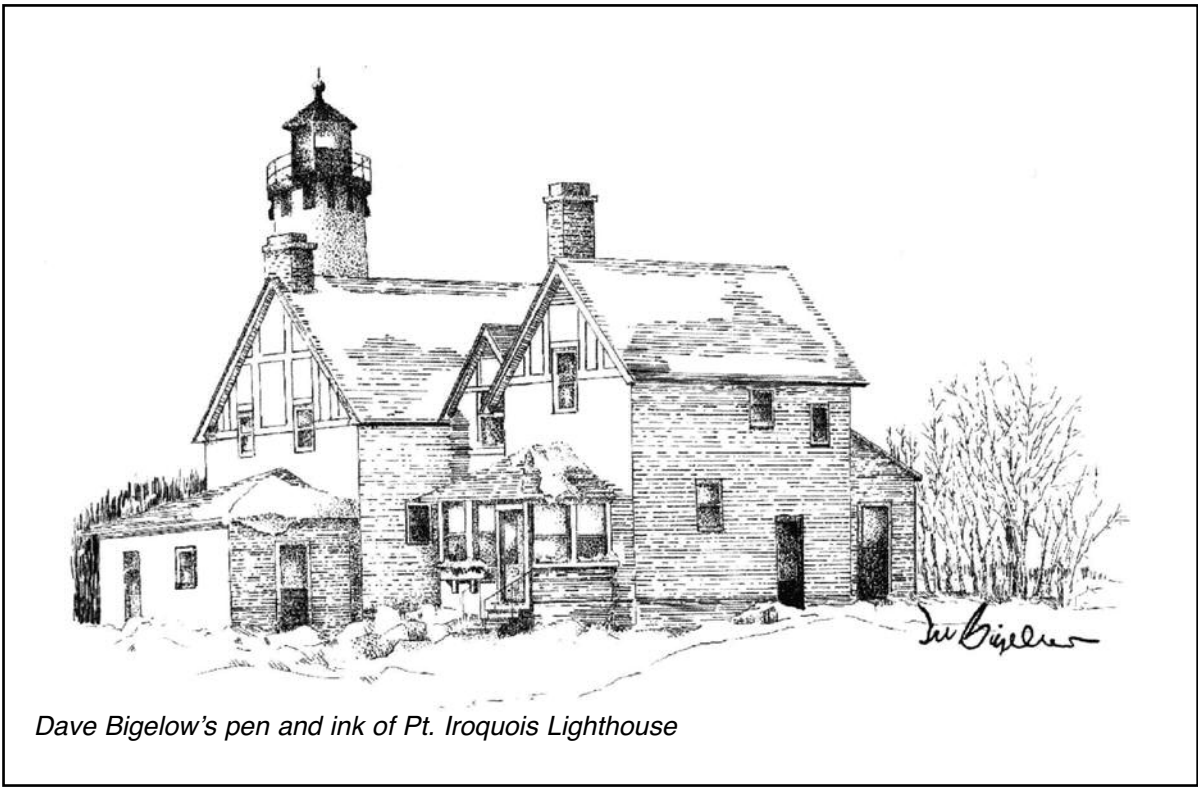
Pottery Award went to festival regulars Schmidt-Marken Pottery of LaPorte, Ind. Karen Marken grew up in the Sault.

Photography Award went to Jeff Massie, a semi-regular from Negaunee, Mich. who does nature photography.

Wood Award went to Garry Smith of Engadine, Mich. for beautiful turned wood.

The Yvonne Peer Glass Award went to glassblower Craig Weatherby, from Adrian, Mich.

Award for Best Display went to Sault ceramic artist Cheryl Stevens. Honorable Mentions went to Jeanne Tubman (oil paintings — Sault), Paul Mason (iron yard art — Kimball, Mich.) and Tony Strublic (pencil drawings of Great Lakes freighters, Marinette, Wis.)



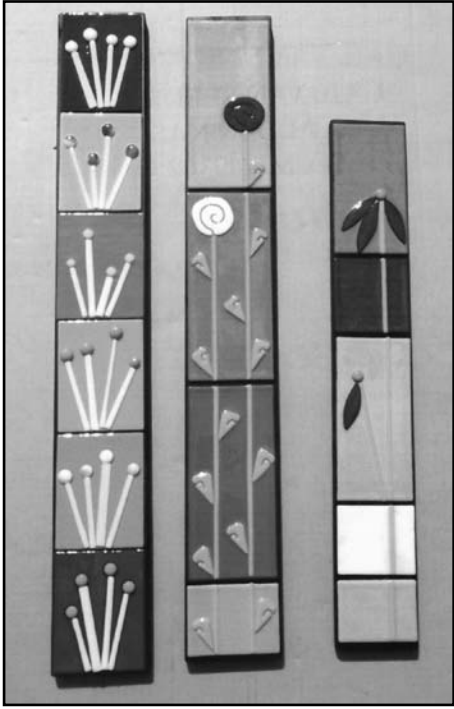
Dave Bigelow's pen and ink of Pt. Iroquois Lighthouse

Above is one of the winning pieces of art by local artist Dave Bigelow.

At right, are wall tiles created by Gail Van Sledright. Below, Sugar Island Kettle Corn tosses up a fresh batch. This was by far one of the busiest vendors. People patiently waited as the stock of kettle corn quickly disappeared. It was their fourth year in attendance.

At left, Stephanie Sabatine of Sault Ste. Marie performs with her group “No Strings Attached.” Throughout the day musicians and entertainers performed for those in attendance.

At bottom is a pair a earrings made by Cindy Mullen from Tawas. She handcrafts all of her silver.



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# Traditional lightbulbs are being phased out globally

**By Sharlene Myers**  
*Bay Mills News*

BAY MILLS — The future is dim for incandescent light bulbs. Many countries are moving toward replacing incandescents with compact fluorescent lamps or light emitting diodes in order to become more energy efficient and lower green house gas emissions.

While other countries have begun phase-outs, efforts in the U.S. have been stalled by opposing legislation. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 set new performance records requiring incandescents become more efficient. While not banning the bulbs outright, the legislation would have phased them out of the market if they could not meet the new standards.

But in December 2011, the Republican-run U.S. Congress defunded enforcement of the EISA light bulb performance requirements as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act

in the 2012 federal budget. Also several bills have been proposed in opposition to the changes made in EISA 2007. The Better Use of Light Bulbs Act failed to pass the House in July 2011, but two other bills introduced by Republicans Michele Bachman of Minnesota and Michael Burgess of Texas are currently in committee.

Under the current EISA 2007 law, all light bulbs from 40 through 100 watts must be 25 percent more efficient by the beginning of 2014. The transition from incandescent to fluorescent and LED lights will happen gradually: 100-watt bulbs will be phased out by Oct. 1 of this year; 75-watt, by January 2013; and 40- and 60-watt bulbs, by January 2014.

Resistance to phasing out incandescents centers on several issues: opposition to federal regulation, environmental concerns about mercury contamination from CFLs and the quality of light produced by CFLs or LEDs.

Amanda Bosak of Bay Mills Indian Community’s Biology Department said that incandescent bulbs can still be purchased, for now. “The problem is that incandescent bulbs are less efficient in how long the bulbs last, how much energy they use and the amount of heat they give off,” she explained. “CFLs can last years, they use a quarter of the energy and they do not heat up like incandescent bulbs can.”

At first, instant availability of light was an issue for CFLs but newer models are available with an “Instant On” feature. Both CFLs and LEDs with dimmer controls are becoming available although typically at a higher cost. That initial higher cost fades over time due to the longevity of the bulbs.

CFLs contain phosphoric dust and some mercury, Bosak said, so if they break, they should be contained in a bag and the immediate area should be aired out.

“CFLs have about 1,000 times less mercury than old thermometers and about the same amount as two cans of tuna,” she added.

Their usage, however, does prevent much more mercury from entering the environment by requiring less electricity produced by coal-burning plants, currently one of the biggest sources of mercury into the Great Lakes.

### How they stack up

A compact fluorescent bulb activates phosphor to produce light. A phosphor coating inside the lamp gives off light when it is exposed to ultraviolet radiation. The bulb doesn't use heat to create light, which makes it more energy efficient.

**Regular (incandescent) bulbs** produce light by heating a filament inside the bulb. Electric current passes through the filament, heating it to the point that it becomes white-hot and emits light. Most of the electric energy incandescent bulbs use is converted into heat.

| COMPACT FLUORESCENT (23 watt)          | INCANDESCENT (100 watt)          |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Average life: 10,000 hours             | 750 hours                        |
| Cost: \$11                             | 75 cents                         |
| Comparable lighting: 1,500 lumens      | 1,690 lumens                     |
| <b>THREE-YEAR COST COMPARISON</b>      |                                  |
| Electricity cost: \$8.06               | \$35.04                          |
| Bulb cost: \$11 (1 bulb for 6.8 years) | \$4.50 (6 bulbs for three years) |
| <b>Total cost: \$19.06</b>             | <b>\$39.54</b>                   |

*\*At 8 cents/kilowatt-hour, four hours burned per day*

And, recycling of CFLs greatly reduces releases of mercury. “Unbroken or burned out bulbs should be disposed of properly and not put into the trash,” said Bosak. “The mercury can be recycled, leaving less to go into our environment.”

Several local businesses accept CFLs for recycling,

including Cloverland Electric in Dafter, Pickford Building Center, Cedarville Ace Hardware, St. Ignace True Value Hardware, and Parker Ace Hardware in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as Chippewa County Recycling and Waste Management, both located in Sault Ste. Marie.

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## Tadgerson brothers have opened environmental consulting business

**By Kateri Menominee**  
*Bay Mills News*

BAY MILLS —The brainchild of Bay Mills tribal members and brothers Aaron and Dan Tadgerson. Tahquamenon Environmental Services is an up

and coming environmental consulting business.

The focus of TES is to provide environmental inspection and administration consulting services to the surrounding communities, working closely with nearby tribes as well. The Tadgersons opened for business early this year, but the idea for it began much earlier — dating back to the 1990s.

The pair is currently employed in positions with Bay Mills Indian Community that already deals with environmental issues but wanted to branch out and work on other issues to serve tribes in the Great Lakes region. Dan works with the biology department, while Aaron is currently the land grant coordinator for Bay Mills Community College.

Their goal with TES is to counsel and support the continuing growth within Native American communities. Some of the services they provide are food safety inspection, mold investigation, indoor air quality inspections, health center safety inspection, as well as inspections of day cares, Head Start and beaches, campgrounds, and casinos.

They also offer Wetland delineations, environmental inspections, NEPA (National

Environmental Policy Act) Compliance Environmental Assessments, and solid waste management plan development.

“We have always focused on improving the lives of Native Americans and Native communities,” said Aaron Tadgerson. “We want to provide the best protection for Native people with services that are cost effective, as well as working with other tribes in the Great Lakes area.”

Dan noted he was inspired to create the company because of the amount of government money that has been wasted in Indian Country in an attempt to provide services. He further explained that nowadays tribes have the choice to stick with the federal government or go to other people.

Their hope is that tribes will recognize their options and seek out the services of Native-owned companies like TES. With work becoming privatized, the cost to the community is lowered and services elevated, according to the Tadgersons.

The duo hope Indian Country will implement the same thing for themselves, for their community and environment, and take action on how they want their community to take shape.

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# Sault hosts History Fest and ‘Sailabration’ events



**FUN IN THE SUN** — The weekend of Aug. 3 brought a flurry of tourism to the city of Sault Ste. Marie’s downtown area. History Fest was held on Water Street with a voyageur encampment throughout the weekend and tours of the historic homes. Ashmun Street was host to the 4th Annual “Slashin’ Ash” Car Show, sponsored by Soo Motors. Sidewalk sales, a petting zoo and tours of Lake Superior State University’s Aquatics lab were also held. The U.S. Navy bands also made special performances this year. Below right is the U.S. Navy Brass/Dixieland Band “Liberty Call” making an afternoon performance.

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**DRAW BACK** — Tribal elder Webster Kinney hosted an Archery Day event on July 29 at the Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School. Above Joe Shaw takes his turn at the bow. Kinney teaches bow making to anyone in the community who is interested in preserving the craft.

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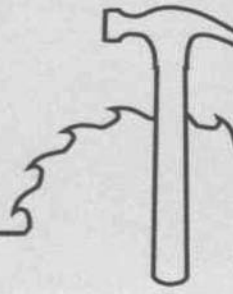
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*John & Tara Weist*

## NAMES & FACES ...



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Happy 14th birthday, Gabe, on Aug. 28!  
Love, Mom, Deny, Grandma Shar,  
Poppa Jon, Grandpa CJ, Gammy and  
all your aunts and uncles and cousins



Happy 3rd birthday to our beautiful  
daughter, Iris Ann Aikens!  
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Happy belated  
7th birthday to Radly  
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Happy birthday  
to Brian and David  
on Aug. 30  
Love, Mom

Happy birthday  
to Auntie Tine  
on Aug. 30  
Love, Diane



Isabel Lorraine Weist was born July 13, 2012 at  
University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor,  
Mich., weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and 21  
inches long. Parents are Tara and John Weist of Brimley,  
Mich. Grandparents are Pam and Ed Hubbard of Sault  
Ste. Marie, Mich. and Fred and Jan Weist of Frankfort,  
Mich. Isabel will join sister Kyra Hubbard at home.

## THANK YOU ...

To all the people who made the communi-  
ty longbow shoot a success, I wish to thank  
each and every one of you: to Rob and his  
crew from the Wild Bluff Golf Course, who  
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mention here; to Louis Lanza for his help on

the range, keeping it safe to shoot; to Bucko  
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daughter, Jasmine, who taught the children as  
well as any adult; to the Bay Mills  
Community College Land Grant Department  
for hay bales and targets; and lastly, to anyone  
else who helped and was inadvertently not  
mentioned. And a big thank you to all the  
shooters, whom I hope had as much fun as I  
did.

Webster Kinney

## WALKING ON ...

### Patrick Kibble

Patrick A. Kibble, 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
died July 9, 2012 at War Memorial Hospital. He was  
born March 6, 1955 in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians. Patrick enjoyed music from the  
classics to rock and roll. He loved Lawrence Welk  
and could sing all the Beatle songs from start to fin-  
ish. He will be sadly missed by his family and  
friends at the Adult Learning Center, Cedar Home.

Patrick is survived by his two brothers, Jack  
(Holly) Kibble of Sugar Island, Mich. and Russell  
Kibble of Jackson, Mich.; and a sister Linda Neal of  
Baltimore, Md. Patrick is also survived by 10 nieces  
and nephews, John Kibble, Cassandra (Daniel)  
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Matthew Neal, Shelia Kibble, Dorothy Wilds, Jacob  
Green and Jessica Green; lifelong friends, Patricia  
Lawless and Joan Myotte of Sault Ste. Marie; special  
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Sandy Johnston, and Mona and Gilbert Hyndman;  
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Bebee, Patrick Clay, Michele Ratcliff, Jami Sebert,  
Christine Keway, Jerry Paglinewan, Stefanie Bogue,  
Tony Guilmette, Victoria Constantini, Erin  
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Bernier and Alan Boike.

He was preceded in death by his mother,  
Charlotte (Harrington) Kibble and his father,  
William John Kibble. A graveside service was held  
at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens with Brother John  
Hascall officiating. Arrangements were in the care  
of Clark Baily Newhouse Funeral Home.

### Don Jarman

Don William Jarman, 78, of Quincy, Mich. died  
July 21, 2012, at his daughter's home in Coldwater,  
Mich., surrounded by his family. He was born Feb.  
14, 1934 in Riggsville, Mich., the son of Vernon and  
Helena (Wester) Jarman.

He graduated from Pellston High School, served  
in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956 and as a police  
officer in Grand Rapids from 1957 to 1962.

Moving to the Quincy area, he became a farmer  
and a member of the Quincy Union Church and the  
NRA, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, gar-  
dening, and working on his farm.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia (Bellville)  
Jarman, whom he married May 27, 1955; two  
daughters, Karen (Lawrence) Nesselth of Hartsville,  
S.C. and Linda (Mike) Fronczak of Coldwater; one  
son, Robert (Doris) Jarman of Brimley, Mich.; three  
grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; five sis-  
ters, Violet Hall of Texas, Joyce (Al) Parris of Rogers  
City, Mich., Helen (Alton) Buck of Indiana, and  
Maybel Williams and Joanne Ostwald, both of  
Cheboygan, Mich.; six brothers, William (Ila)  
Jarman of Cheboygan, Dale (Lola) Jarman of Sault  
Ste Marie, Mich., Louis (Judy) Jarman of Fackler,  
Ala., Edward (Dee) Jarman of Joliet, Ill., Thomas  
(Linda) Jarman of Sims, N.C. and David (Theann)  
Jarman of East Lansing, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one  
son, Andrew Jarman.

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# Mixed martial arts being offered to community members

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Mixed martial arts is now being offered to community members ages 12 and up, an idea that has long been on the mind of Bay Mills Indian Community member and instructor Jake Parish.

Parish was looking for a way to get community youth off the street and teach them discipline and self-esteem after he had a disturbing experience five years ago. He was on his way home from school one evening and came upon a troubled girl on the roadway. He helped her get back to where she belonged, but couldn't help thinking if she had something to keep her off the street and improve her confidence she would be in a more positive situation.

Last month Parish approached BMIC Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron

with his thoughts and Perron encouraged him to develop a program. After council approval, the work began. Safety equipment and mats were ordered and what evolved was 'Rumble MMA' being offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

Despite its name, Parish said teaching people how to work out properly and self-defense techniques in a team-building environment is the core of the program.

"It's not about beating each other up," he said, noting the friendships that are being forged in the program are exactly what he was hoping for.

Parish's own experience in MMA came while he was a student at Lake Superior State University. He was working out at the Norris Center and had been watching a group of men spar together on a regular basis. One evening they asked him if he was interested in

joining and from there he went on to work out regularly with the Superior Combat Club learning their techniques in the art. He went on to participate in a King of the Cage match at Kewadin Casino and has continued to work out regularly.

"I think this will be a good program. Response has been positive," said Parish.

More than a dozen people ages 12 to 35 are currently participating in the program, which has an open-door policy. Anyone over age 12 can stop in during a session to participate. A waiver of liability must be signed before you can participate.

Mixed martial arts is not a new sport. It dates back to Greco-Roman times and was once part of the ancient Olympics. Today it has evolved into a professionally regulated sport with clubs cropping up across the country.



Brittany Craven is shown getting instruction from Parish on pinning her opponent, George Hart IV.

## DNR invites public input on forest plans for Chippewa, Mackinac counties

The Department of Natural Resources will host open houses on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Naubinway and Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Kincheloe to provide information and receive public comment on proposed forest management treatments for 2014 in the Sault Ste. Marie management unit, which includes Chippewa and Mackinac counties. The open houses are set for the following times and locations:

Sept. 11, 3 to 6 p.m.  
DNR Naubinway Field Office, 11569 U.S. Hwy. 2, Naubinway (will cover proposed forest treatments in Chippewa and Mackinac counties)  
Sept. 12, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Kinross Township Hall, 310 Curtis St., Kincheloe (will cover proposed forest treatments in Chippewa and Mackinac counties)  
Each year, DNR personnel inventory and evaluate one-

tenth of the state forest. The inventory provides key information about the health, quality and quantity of all vegetation; wildlife and fisheries habitat and needs; archaeological sites; minerals; recreational use; wild-fire potential and social factors, including proximity to roads and neighborhoods; and use on adjacent public and private lands.

Proposed treatments, which may include timber harvesting, replanting, and other management activities are designed to ensure the sustainability of the resources and ecosystem.

Bill O'Neill, chief of the DNR's Forest Resources Division, said these open houses are a good way for interested residents and stakeholders to learn about the DNR's proposed treatment plans — well in advance — and to share input toward final decisions on those treatments.

"When it comes to the health and sustainability of our state forests, we're always thinking several years ahead," said

O'Neill, who also serves as state forester.

"We like to do the open houses around the state because the public gets an opportunity to talk with foresters and biologists about issues that matter most to them. It turns out to be a valuable exchange of information and ideas."

Maps and information regarding the proposed treatments will be available at the open houses, but can also be found at [www.michigan.gov/forestplan](http://www.michigan.gov/forestplan) under the Forests, Land & Water section.

To more easily and efficiently oversee the forest resources, the DNR divides each management unit into smaller units or "compartments." This year, the compartments under review are in Bruce, Drummond Island, Kinross, Pickford, Rudyard and Trout Lake townships (Chippewa County); and Garfield, Hendricks, Hudson, Marquette, Moran, Newton and Portage townships (Mackinac County).

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the DNR will complete its formal compartment reviews to decide on final treatment plans for these areas. Those reviews will take place at the following time and location:

Oct. 4, 9 a.m. at the Quality Inn, 561 Boulevard Dr., St. Ignace.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for any of these meetings should contact Karen Rodock at 906-477-6048 ext. 2040 a minimum of five business days before each meeting.

### NOTICE TO BAY MILLS MEMBERS:

Phyllis Malloy and the office of enrollment have been re-located to the basement of the tribal administration building. She is no longer located in the Ellen Marshall Building.

## One thousand witness Mackinac Island's 'surrender;' more War of 1812 bicentennial events planned

On July 17, 1812, Fort Mackinac's commanding officer, Lieutenant Porter Hanks, surrendered the American fort on Mackinac Island — and the entire island — to the British. Two hundred years later to the day, this infamous scene was recreated and interpreted at Fort Mackinac for a crowd numbering nearly a thousand.

British and American soldiers, militia, voyageurs and Native American interpreters depicted dramatic highlights that unfolded at the outbreak of the War of 1812. From below the ramparts, in the harbor, the square top-sail sloop Friends Good Will, owned by the Michigan Maritime Museum, fired its guns in salute of the occasion that caused her namesake to be captured at Mackinac Island within days of the island's surrender.

"It was great to see such a large crowd visit Fort Mackinac and reflect on the importance of these events to our nation and to the State of Michigan," said Phil Porter, chairperson of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and director of Mackinac State Historic Parks, which administers Fort Mackinac. "The capture of Fort Mackinac was just the first of many events which unfolded in the Straits throughout the War of 1812, which we'll commemorate over the next two years."

Two hundred years prior, Captain Charles Roberts led a force of British regulars, local militia and Native Americans from various tribes to the north side of Mackinac Island on a rise behind Fort Mackinac. Early that morning on July 17, 1812, after firing a cannon to demonstrate capabilities, the British delivered their demand. Wholly unaware that war had been declared and unprepared for hostilities, the American garrison accepted the terms of surrender without firing a shot.

The original Friends Good Will was captured by the British near Mackinac Island, beginning a 15-month service in the Royal Navy. Her replica will sail under British "colours" until September 10, 2013 to mark the anniversary of that period. She was recaptured by the United States Navy during the Battle of Lake Erie on that September day.

The event at Fort Mackinac is one of many planned throughout Michigan through 2014 to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. These events are supported by the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. For a complete list of events, please visit [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812).

The governor-appointed Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is charged with encouraging, planning, and developing activities, events, programs, observances and services appropriate to commemorate Michigan's role in the War of 1812. More information can be found at [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812).

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# Rower finds strength after assault

: UPPER PENINSULA (AP) — Jenn Gibbons waited, longer than she should have, by her own estimation. She stared at the numbers on her cell phone — 9-1-1 — but hesitated to hit send.

She was stunned and alone on a desolate stretch of beach in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, trying to comprehend what had just happened. She had been raped, she says, surprised by an attacker who had crept aboard her one-person rowboat in the middle of the night and forced his way into the boat’s cabin, where Gibbons had been sleeping, peacefully lulled by the waves.

She didn’t have to make that call, Gibbons told herself. She was scared and embarrassed.

She contemplated just grabbing her oars and rowing the 20 or so miles it would take to get to Beaver Island, in northern Lake Michigan. That would have been the next step in her attempt to row the entire perimeter of the lake by herself. She began the 1,500-mile solo journey in June to raise money to buy boats for a Chicago rowing team she co-founded for breast cancer survivors.

Gibbons stared again at the phone. “No one would have to know,” she remembers thinking.

Then she thought about those survivors on the team, 50 women, from their 30s to their 70s, all different but each tough in her own way. She thought about the difficulties she’d overcome in planning this trip, challenges finding sponsors, and the training and the sweat, and how she’d shared all of that with her team and supporters over the last two years.

Grasping the phone, she called the police. In the days that followed, she also went public about the assault, partly in hopes of helping police find her attacker.

And she resolved to find a way to finish the trip, to eventually get back in her boat. She had to row. She had to finish, somehow.

“I’ve got this,” she told her team, using the three-word catchphrase that had long been the mantra of her trip.

Though it wouldn’t be easy, she knew she had to face adversity, just as they do.

“I work with women who come to practice one week after losing their hair in chemo the week before, and they row, and that’s how they cope,” Gibbons explained. “So I think that just being around them, and just being immersed in the strength that they have — it’s rubbed off on me a lot more than I think I recognized.”

Recovery on Water, or ROW, was the name chosen when Gibbons co-founded the team five years ago.

Besides working with the cancer survivors, she took on the role of coaching a novice group of high school boys. She turned some of those boys and other teens into volunteer coaches for ROW.

This was not a woman who took “no” for an answer, says Mark Carroll, a friend and fellow rowing coach.

“She’s stubborn, in a good way,” Carroll says, smiling.

After she revealed the attack and her determination to finish her Lake Michigan trip, he quickly agreed to be part of a group that would accompany her.

The trip couldn’t continue exactly as before. The coast from the Upper Peninsula and along Michigan’s northwest lower peninsula was too remote to guarantee her safety.

Her attacker remains at large. Investigators believe he found Gibbons by tracking her location on her trip blog, then traveled a long distance to find her, possibly from Illinois, where her journey has gotten a lot of attention.

She and her support team came up with an alternate plan: Gibbons and a small group of people would ride bicycles together, along more than 350 miles of coastline to Muskegon, Mich. There, she would reunite with her boat, and then row toward Chicago, one port at a time, with a plan of arriving back home in mid-August.

Her progress on the bike was quick. The attack happened July 22. By Aug. 1, she managed to make it to her boat, which her father had cleaned up for her and towed to Muskegon.

It was an emotional reunion. Police had dusted the boat for fingerprints, and even now, as she rows toward Chicago, she still occasionally finds small remnants of the black fingerprinting chalk.

“It’s always a reminder of what happened,” she says.

She loves her bright yellow boat, named “Liv,” which means “life” or “protector” in Norwegian. It’s ironic, she knows. But she wouldn’t change the name, even if she wanted to, that’s bad luck in

maritime lore.

Still, she no longer sleeps on the boat when she comes into harbors along the way home. She only goes in the boat’s cabin, where the attack happened, when she absolutely has to.

She relishes her time alone on the water.

But when she’s not out there, Carroll and others are almost always with her. Marine patrols and the Michigan State Police also monitor her movements, while investigators await results from lab tests on forensic evidence and continue the search for her attacker. Most of the tips they’ve received so far relate to a yellow Jeep that Gibbons thinks he used to flee the scene, says Michigan State Police Sgt. Michael Powell. They also released a sketch of the suspect, based on Gibbons’ description of him.

She continues to preach her original message for this trip, that exercise can significantly improve breast cancer patients’ chances of survival. She raised tens of thousands of dollars for the boats for the team, even before the attack.

But, slowly, she is learning to accept and understand this new role, as a survivor of sexual assault.

One mother, who said her daughter was the target of severe bullying at school, wrote this on Gibbons’ Facebook page:

“After reading your blog, my daughter turned to me and said, ‘This lady survived the most extreme act of bullying a woman could face, and look how she is handling it. She is a hero.’”

This trip has, indeed, become about even more than fighting cancer or big waves.

For Gibbons, a team of women who “stare cancer — their Kryptonite, their attacker — in the eye every week by getting in a boat and fighting back,” may have taught her something about strength.

But now she is teaching them, they say. “She shows us how to endure,” says Kelly Anderson, a 46-year-old cancer survivor and rower on the team.

## State Police investigating

The Michigan State Police St. Ignace Post are investigating the sexual assault that occurred in the early morning hours on Sunday, July 22 in an area south of Gulliver along Lake Michigan in Mueller Township, Schoolcraft County, Mich. An MSP forensic artist has done a sketch of the suspect in this crime. Investigators are releasing the sketch in hopes that someone can identify the suspect.



Investigators have reason to believe the assailant traveled a significant distance to commit the assault. The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s, approximately 5'8" to 6' tall, with a fair amount of facial stubble hair, but not a full beard nor mustache. The man has light eyes, an average to athletic build and shorter, well-kept hair. He was wearing a grayish green t-shirt, jean shorts and tennis shoes.

A bright yellow Jeep Wrangler was seen in the area. It has a spare tire on the back with a yellow smiley face on it. Investigators are seeking information about this vehicle. A photo of a similar vehicle is being provided for reference.

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# Dempsey returns to the theatre

Sault native son Mike Dempsey is returning to the Soo Theatre stage with another of his musical productions, on Thursday, Aug. 30. The show this year is “Mike Dempsey and Friends Present the Great American Songbook,” and will feature the music of such great composers as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Bernstein and Lerner & Loewe.

Dempsey was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and attended St. Mary’s and Sault High. He received both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from Michigan State University, and then served in the U.S. Army. He has been the choral director at both Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern High Schools, and also served as choir director at several Oakland County area churches.

In addition, he has been music director for such large-scale musicals as South Pacific, Oklahoma, Carousel, The King and I, Music Man, Kiss Me Kate, Superman, Charley Brown, Mame, My Fair Lady, Gypsy, Sweet Charity, Lil’ Abner and Sound of Music.

In 1995 Dempsey founded a performing ensemble, “Mike Dempsey & Friends.” In addition to writing the script and arranging the music, Dempsey serves as pianist. This small group has performed composer theme musicals throughout Southeastern Michigan and in Sault Ste. Marie at the Soo Theatre. This show is unique in many ways, one of which is that Dempsey and all of the performers donate their time and talent as a fundraiser for the Soo Theatre Project, Inc. His shows in the area have been very popular. He started performing locally in 2009 with his Gershwin show, followed in 2010 with Rodgers and Hammerstein. Last year he and the performers did a show featuring movie music that had been nominated for Oscars.

Dempsey always uses a combination of local singers and singers who travel up here from the Detroit area just to perform his show for us. This year’s singers include Karen Hughes Beacom, Maureen Delaney-Lehman and Matt Gilbertson from up here, and John

Young and Linda Freeze from downstate, who have joined us onstage in previous years as well. Narrator for these shows has always been our own Tom Ewing of Sovereign Communications.

Dempsey has been married to Ellen for 54 years, and they have three sons. As a published composer he is a member of ASCAP. Recently, he was chosen to accompany Tony award winner Anna Maria Alberghetti in a Detroit area performance. He said he is delighted to return to his hometown and to the Soo Theatre, where he has many happy memories. Remembering the great job the cast did previous shows, he is looking forward to “The Great American Songbook” this year. There will be a special tribute that evening, a song composed by Dempsey for those who have been married 50 or more years.

A new part of this show will be a silent auction of several lovely items that have been donated to the theatre for this purpose.

Tickets for The Great American Songbook are now on sale at the Soo Theatre in the STARS office on Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. They will also be available at the door.

## Auditions to be held

SAULT STE. MARIE — Auditions for the musical production, “Always...Patsy Cline,” written by Ted Swindley, directed by Rick Conklin, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Guild Theater, 700 Eureka Street in Sault Ste. Marie. There are two female roles available. No prepared materials are required. Production dates will be Nov. 7 to 10. If you are unable to attend the auditions but wish to try out, call Colleen at 906-632-7090.

## Fun Run at SummerFest

BAY MILLS — Twenty-one participants ran or walked in the First Annual Fun Run held in conjunction with Bay Mills Indian Community’s Annual Summer Picnic. Employees and their family members ran or walked in the race of their choice: 1 Mile, 3K, or 5K. The start/finish line was located at the Bay Mills Ball Field, site of the annual picnic. Participants headed west on Lakeshore Drive toward their designated turn around points: One-milers turned around just past Bay Mills Community College; 3K racers turned around just past Tower Road; 5K racers turned around just before Mission Hill.

All races were non-competitive, awarding all who completed the race, not just the top finisher. Each participant received a T-shirt and water bottle, compliments of the Human Resources Department and the Worksite Wellness Initiative. Other health promoting prizes were awarded to eight lucky competitors by random draw.





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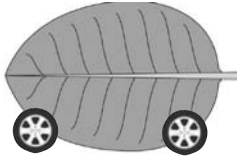
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# LSSU Board of Trustees honors two of its longtime volunteers

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Lake Superior State University’s Board of Trustees and the LSSU Foundation, during the board’s meeting on July 27, recognized two longtime friends for volunteering their time to better the institution.

The board approved resolutions recognizing Sen. Walter North of St. Ignace and Ron Sober of Sault Ste. Marie for their service with the LSSU Foundation. The two are leaving the Foundation’s board of directors this year.

“These two gentlemen have been dependable as volunteers for many years,” said Trustee Patrick Egan. “While we’re saying goodbye to them as they leave the Foundation board, they will always be invited and encouraged to continue giving advice and counsel to the LSSU Foundation.”

“They’ve done so much for us for so long, we certainly want to recognize them today,” said LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Jenny Kronk.

North chaired the LSSU Foundation Board four times and served more than 20 years as a member of the panel. He was named as director emeritus in the board’s resolution.

Both LSSU President Tony McLain and Trustee Doug Bovin applauded North’s years of service as a member of Michigan’s State Senate, from 1994 to 2002. During his tenure in Michigan’s 37th District, North was instrumental in securing funding for a number of LSSU capital projects, including the renovation and expansion of the Crawford Hall of Science and Kenneth J. Shouldice Library, and construction of the Arts Center.

“He brings humbleness, distinction and honor to every role, including that as the recipient of LSSU’s Honorary Doctorate in 2007,” the board resolution states.

North, a Korean War Air Force veteran, was comptroller of the Mackinac Bridge Authority from 1966 to 1982 and executive secretary of the MBA from 1982 to 1993.

“I first met Senator North early in his political career before I worked at the foundation and was so impressed with leadership and his ability to relate so well to so many people,” said Tom Coates, executive director of LSSU’s Foundation Office. “Then to be able to see him action as our Board Chair gave me a first hand look at true leadership and a passion for supporting our University.”



**OUTSTANDING, TIMES TWO —** Former LSSU Foundation Board Member Ron Sober accepts the Outstanding Business Alumnus Award from Prof. Madan Saluja in this photo from the ceremony in 2008. Sober was honored with LSSU’s Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000 and recently received recognition from the LSSU Board of Trustees for service to the LSSU Foundation and the institution itself. (LSSU/John Shibley)



**HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE —** LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Jenny Kronk poses with longtime LSSU Foundation Board Chair Walter North after the Board of Trustees passed a resolution recognizing the former state senator for his years of volunteer service with LSSU. (LSSU/John Shibley)

Sober, too, has been a member of the Foundation’s board of directors for more than 20 years. In addition, he was a founding member of the LSSU Cager Club in 1982, and a member of the Alumni Association’s board of directors from 1994 to 2001. He became a member of the LSSU Lake Ontario Society more than 15 years ago for lifetime giving in excess of \$10,000.

“Mr. Sober has demonstrated exemplary commitment and financial support to the university...and has worked to strengthen LSSU,” the board resolution states. The

LSSU Alumni Association described him as a “dedicated and energetic LSSU advocate and benefactor” when he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000.

The Fowlerville, Mich., native started in the insurance business in 1971 and began his own agency in 1978. He has been honored for his accomplishments with several production, quality and convention awards, including runner-up as AFLAC’s Northern Region Brokerage Agent of the Year. Sober is currently area vice president for Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., in Sault Ste. Marie.

“I never had the opportunity to see Ron Sober play basketball, but I would bet he had the same approach on the court as he has adopted as a businessman and a volunteer,” said Coates. “He is a competitor who carries himself with class, dignity and supportive of those around him.”

Both Sober and North have been recognized by LSSU in the past. North received the LSSU Alumni Association’s Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award in 2003. Sober, in addition to receiving the Outstanding Alumnus Award, received the Outstanding Business Alumnus Award in 2008 and, with his induction into the LSSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995, was noted for being Most Valuable Player in three of his four seasons, and continues to hold the record for most points (54) in a single basketball game.

“I will miss them both as active board members, but both made it clear they want to stay in touch and are there to help, which is very good to know,” added Coates.



**AUTHOR! AUTHOR! —**Local authors gathered at Island Books & Crafts on July 21 as part of the Superior Children’s Book Festival for a book signing. Above, Bernadine Cook, Lori Taylor, and Lizabeth-Jenkins Dale await their fans. In the background is Les Townsend, owner of Island Books & Crafts.

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# Knowing your numbers is important to your health

By MSU Extension  
Chippewa County

There are four important numbers that we all need to know in order to safeguard our health. Our cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index are key indicators of our risk for major illness. By knowing these numbers we can take action to reduce our chances of developing heart disease, diabetes and other major illnesses.

**Cholesterol**  
A “sudden” heart attack may not be sudden at all, but may be caused by years of living with high cholesterol and extra fats that our body stores. High cholesterol and extra fats clog our arteries and can cause heart attacks and strokes. We need to know our HDL (think “healthy”) cholesterol and our LDL (think “lousy”) cholesterol numbers, as well as the total number, and discuss ways to improve the numbers with a medical professional, if necessary.

**Blood pressure**  
Blood pressure measures the amount of force it takes our hearts to pump blood through our bodies. High blood pressure (also known as hypertension) increases our risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease. It damages our brain, eyes and arteries, too. Most people have no symptoms of high blood pressure, so get checked by your health care professional. Write down the number each time you get checked to see if your efforts to improve your

blood pressure are paying off.

**Blood sugar**  
Glucose is sugar stored in the blood; it acts as our body’s main source of energy. If glucose is out of the safe range, we may have diabetes. Some of the symptoms are frequent urination, extreme hunger or thirst, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue or blurry vision. People who have already been diagnosed with diabetes need to have another test, called an A1C test. It tells diabetics how well they are controlling their blood sugar over time. Left untreated, diabetes can lead to heart disease, blindness, amputation of limbs and kidney disease.

Even though no symptoms may be present, many people are at risk for developing diabetes. These are people who have more than one of the following: are 45 years of age or older, overweight, who get too little physical activity, have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, have a parent, brother or sister with diabetes, have had a baby who weighed 9 pounds or more at birth, or are Native American, African-American or Hispanic. If you are a member of this group it is important that you have your blood sugar checked regularly.

**Body Mass Index**  
**Body Mass Index** (BMI) measures weight in relation to height. It indicates our “fatness.” Extra weight can lead

to high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes and other chronic illnesses. There are many on-line sites that will help calculate body mass index. Entering your height and weight will allow the site to determine your BMI.

Body Mass Index can also be determined “by hand” using the following formula: divide weight (in pounds) by height (in inches) squared, and multiply the result by 703.

Example: Weight = 150 lbs.  
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In general a BMI below 18.5 indicates a person is underweight; one from 18.5 – 24.9 shows a normal weight; 25.0 – 29.9 overweight; 30.0 and above, obese.

Every body has unique needs — for guidance that is more specific to you and your loved ones, and to set health-care goals, consult your healthcare professional.

USDA offers a food guidance system called MyPlate, which just turned one year old. Visit the My Plate at [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) to learn more about healthy eating, weight management and physical activity, as well as to use their interactive Super Tracker and other cool tools to help you plan, analyze and track your food and physical activity.

## Consumers urged to follow safe canning practices to avoid illness

Summer and fall mark the peak of harvest season for a variety of fruits and vegetables in Michigan. The harvest is followed by the tradition of home canning fruits and vegetables to preserve them for months to come. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Michigan Department of Community Health would like to remind residents that foodborne botulism can be avoided by following safe and proper canning procedures and safe purchasing of canned food items.

“If a canned food displays any signs of botulism, consumers should not eat this food,” said Kevin Besey, MDARD’s Food and Dairy Division Director. “Discard cans and jars in a tightly closed plastic bag in a trash can out of the reach of children and pets.”

“Botulism is a paralyzing disease caused by the ingestion of a toxin most commonly formed when food is improperly canned at home,” said Dean Sienko, Interim Chief Medical Executive of the MDCH. “Taking the time to learn proper canning procedures and the signs of botulism can reduce an individual’s risk and recognizing the signs of botulism can help people protect themselves and their families.”

Avoid foodborne botulism by following these guidelines recommended by the USDA:

- Low acid foods should be stored for no more than two to five years; high-acid foods for 18 months.
- Store canned foods in a cool, dry place. Never store them above the stove, under the sink, in a damp area such as a basement or garage or any place exposed to high or low temperature extremes that may affect the integrity of the jar or can.
- Never use food from containers that are leaking, bulging, rusting, badly dented, cracked, spurt liquid upon opening, have loose or bulging lids, or a foul odor.
- Before eating, boil home processed, low-acid foods for 10 minutes to destroy the botulinum toxin with high temperatures.

Before preparing canned foods, residents should be familiar with the procedures and guidelines outlined in the United States Department of Agriculture’s Complete Guide To Home Canning. Canned foods are classified in two general categories: high-acid and low-acid foods. Foodborne botulism occurs most commonly in foods with low-acid content such as asparagus, green beans, and corn.

The first symptoms of botulism appear within 12 to 36 hours after eating food containing the neurotoxin and include nausea, vomiting, weakness, and vertigo. Later symptoms include visual impairments; loss of normal throat and mouth functions; general fatigue; lack of muscle coordination; difficulty in breathing; abdominal pain; and diarrhea or constipation. Treatment requires quick medical attention and an antitoxin. If caught quickly, the injection of an antitoxin can lessen the severity of the disease; however the recovery process for botulism patients can be prolonged.

For current, research-based recommendations for most methods of home food preservation, factsheets, consumer and technical bulletins, and literature reviews, consumers should visit The National Center for Home Food Preservation website: <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/index.html>.

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# Early Head Start grads receive their diplomas

Bay Mills Child Development Center held its graduation ceremonies for the Early Head Start Program on Friday, Aug. 3. At right, Dani Donnay helps her daughter, Mariah, accept her diploma. Bottom right, Makenna Cameron can hardly contain her excitement. Below, Albert Walden and Mariah Donnay share a quick hug. At bottom, Landon Cameron, Makenna Cameron, and Caylie York enjoy the picnic lunch that was provided for graduates and their families.



## “Re-light the Light” at Crisp Point Lighthouse campaign under way

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

LUCE COUNTY — With approvals now in place from the State Historic Preservation Office and U.S. Coast Guard, Crisp Point Lighthouse will once again become a functioning aid to ship navigation next summer.

Response to the proposal of placing a new light in the tower has been overwhelming thus far. Just a few weeks after announcing donations were needed to fund the \$4,000 ‘Relight the Light’ project, approximately two-thirds of the money has been raised. Crisp Point isn’t just popular with the locals, it’s a tourist destination for people from all over the world.

‘We just had a guy from Slovakia stay up here for two days,’ said Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society President Rick Brockway. ‘He just snapped dozens of photos for two days. People from the 50 states and all over the world visit here.’

Brockway himself came across the lighthouse in 1993 and got involved in preserving the lighthouse a year later. He is just one of dozens of people who

volunteer their time to keep the structure open to the public.

The new light is expected to be ordered after the first of the year and will be installed in the spring. The solar light battery will be charged by the sun and will be able to operate days without sunlight. It will turn on at sunset and sensors will turn the light off at sunrise. The light will operate from May 1 to Nov. 1 and will be visible for about a 5-mile radius.

Crisp Point Lighthouse was constructed in 1904 and was operational until it was decommissioned in 1993. In 1997, the building became the property of Luce County and is currently leased by the Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society for 40-year increments. The non-profit group is doing all it can to preserve this piece of nautical history. In 1998, they raised monies and paid for stonework to be installed around the lighthouse to prevent it from being damaged by Lake Superior’s waves.

Donations to the project are tax-deductible. Anyone who donates \$20 or more will have their name engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the service building. For more information on how to donate, visit [www.crisppointlighthouse.org](http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org).



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# Bay Mills Biology Department working on lake whitefish study with LSSU

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Lake whitefish have long been an important resource for Bay Mills Indian Community and the BMIC biological services department has taken steps to ensure their survival. The department was recently awarded a two-year joint grant with Lake Superior State University through the BIA’s Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to support research on lake whitefish and their habitat.

Despite their importance to the area fishery, little is known about the ecology of lake whitefish in Whitefish Bay. The project will discover the extent to which lake whitefish use the nutrient and energy input from tributary rivers and creeks and if more than one stock of lake whitefish exists in the bay. The information gathered will help natural resource managers prioritize habitat for protection.

In one phase of the study, three tributaries are being tested this season: Pendills Creek, Naomikong Creek and the Tahquamenon River. Prior to this study, no sampling had been done in Whitefish Bay linking the input of nutrients into the bay and the importance of that terrestrial input in the production of lake whitefish, said Paul Ripple, BMIC fisheries biologist. If lake whitefish are found to receive most of their nutrition from tributary rivers or creeks, these areas can be protected and managed to benefit lake whitefish populations.

Right now there is a lot of state land and U.S. Forest Service-owned land around Whitefish Bay that already have conservation plans in place, explained Ripple, with no feed lots or large farm productions that could adversely affect the water quality coming from tributaries into the bay. But, if there is ever any development coming into the area, biologists would know where to prioritize protection, he added.

Ripple, along with biologists from LSSU — Kristin Arend, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Ashley Moerke, Geoffrey Steinhart and Perry Varnakovida, — were assisted by student technicians in gathering samples from the sediments of the tributary river and creeks. Their results should be complete by December, he said.

The other phase of the study is the genetic component, gathering data to support the thesis that genetic isolation has led to the formation of discrete, or individually distinct, stocks of lake whitefish. There is evidence that separate spawning locations in Whitefish Bay have led to the formation of at least two discrete stocks, said Ripple.

From testing genetic samples gathered at previously known spawning areas and sampling the catches of local commercial fishers, the scientists hope to discover how much the different stocks contribute to the fisheries of Whitefish Bay.

“It is important to know which stock contributes the most to commercial fishers’ catches and where they originate from so that location can be protected as a priority,” said Ripple.

Whether or not discrete genetic stocks exist, understanding what drives lake whitefish production is important for their management, he



COLLECTOR’S ITEM — Bill Bernier, former BMCC student who now attends LSSU, and LSSU student John ransom (L-R) use a kick net to collect insect samples at Pendill’s Creek. (LSSU/John Shibley)

pointed out. If the study shows that lake whitefish receive most of their nutrition from the input of tributary rivers and creeks into the bay, these areas would be protected.

“Protecting the resource is the over-riding goal,” said Ripple. “The more we know, the better we can manage the resource, and so we are trying to learn as much as we can.”

## LSSU whitefish/lamprey study in the works; angler assistance needed

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University seeks assistance from anglers as it works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this summer and fall to study how lake whitefish interact with sea lamprey.

Anglers can assist in the study by donating sea lamprey they find attached to the fish they catch. They may also donate whitefish caught during the open water and ice fishing seasons.

The study, “Feasibility of holding wild-caught lake whitefish and sea lamprey for parasite-host interaction studies,” seeks to determine the conditions under which lake whitefish may be transferred from the wild and held in captivity, and if and how sea lamprey and lake whitefish may be used for parasite-host interaction evaluations.

“Very little work has been done on whitefish–lamprey interaction,” said Roger Greil, manager of LSSU’s Aquatic Research Laboratory, which is participating in the study. He said anglers can call him and he will pick up whitefish or lampreys or they can drop them off at the lab. Greil may be reached at 906-635-1949 at work or by calling 906-630-7259.

“The lamprey and whitefish need to be in good shape in order for us to use them,” Greil said. “They need to be alive.”

The rationale for the study states: “The probability that an individual fish will survive an attack from a sea lamprey is a key component to sea lamprey damage assessments” and notes that while the interaction between sea lamprey and lake trout has been studied extensively, only a single “mark-recapture study” has been done on whitefish since the 1960s.

“Laboratory research has not been conducted to support or refute the results of the tagging study, which was completed when ecological conditions greatly differed from the Great Lakes of today,” the proposal states.

“The DNR works cooperatively with other governments to manage the whitefish stocks in the upper Great Lakes,” said Dave Caroffino, a biologist with the Michigan DNR and one of the lead researchers in the project. “As we assess these populations, a key component is our ability to accurately estimate sea lamprey-induced mortality. This research should help improve those estimates and our resulting management of this valuable species.”

Complicating studies of this nature is the fact that lake whitefish are difficult to keep alive in captivity. The study’s leaders said this may be one reason why research on survivability has not been pursued.

“We seek to determine the conditions under which whitefish can be moved from the wild to a controlled setting and kept alive long enough for experimentation. The objectives of this pilot study would allow a future proposal to address specific interactions between these species.”

Researchers say the study is a pilot project that is necessary to assist in any larger studies that would assess damage from fish caused by lamprey attacks. It will lead to a better assessment of the fish community objective for whitefish in Lake Huron.

If the captive whitefish and sea lamprey do well, the researchers will propose a larger-scale study in 2014.

The study has a strong LSSU presence. In addition to Greil, who graduated from LSSU in 1988, the leaders include Caroffino, a 2004 LSSU alumnus with the Michigan DNR, Ted Treska of the USFWS, and Greg Fischer, a 1994 LSSU graduate who manages the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

For more information, or to donate fish or lampreys, contact Greil at 906-635-1949 or 906-630-7259, or rgreil@lssu.edu. Find more information on the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory at lssu.edu/arl. More information on the study may also be obtained from Caroffino at 231-547-2914 or caroffinod@michigan.gov.

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# Cougar photograph confirmed legit from Marquette County

BATH, Mich. – The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, a non-profit organization based in Bath, near Lansing, recently confirmed the presence of a cougar in southern Marquette County.

The cougar was photographed by a cased and padlocked trail camera on private property on June 1, 2012. The property owners will also share their information with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, but do not wish to be publicly identified.

Dr. Patrick Rusz, Director of Wildlife Programs for the Conservancy, and Michael Zuidema, a retired DNR forester, verified the trail camera’s location on a well-worn wildlife trail atop a wooded ridge. The camera has also photographed wolves, coyotes, fishers and numerous other species at the same site over a four year period.

The MWC is publicizing this photograph because it may be the best, clearest photograph of a wild Michigan cougar ever taken. It is also unusually interesting because Zuidema has recorded over 20 credible cougar sightings in the same vicinity since the 1970s. These include several sightings within a few miles of the trail camera location.

Rusz said, “the long history of sighting reports in the area indicates the cougar photographed on June 1 may be part of a resident population rather than a wandering cat from a western state.”

He has studied cougars for the Conservancy for 14 years and is co-author of a peer-reviewed study that confirmed cougars in both peninsulas of Michigan by analyses of DNA in droppings. He has also identified a long list of additional physical evidence dating back to 1966, and notes that Michigan State College zoologist, Richard Manville, documented several cougar sightings or incidents when he inventoried the fauna of Marquette County’s Huron Mountains from 1939 to 1942.

The large volume of recent Michigan evidence includes 15 MDNR confirmations since the agency formed a cougar team of specially trained biologists in 2008. The most recent MDNR confirmation occurred last May when a cougar was photographed with a hand-held camera near Skanee in Baraga County. That photograph was taken about 50 miles north of the Marquette County trail camera location.

“The MDNR cougar team should now look at the very good evidence of a remnant cougar pop-

ulation collected before 2008,” said Bill Taylor, president of the Conservancy. “They could still easily verify cougar photos taken in the 1990s in Alcona and Oscoda Counties in the Lower Peninsula and some others. The vegetation and other landmarks needed to confirm the photos are still there.”

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy is a non-profit citizens group established in 1982 to

restore Michigan’s wildlife legacy. The Conservancy has restored more than 8,200 acres of wetlands, 2,500 acres of prairies and grasslands, and hundreds of miles of trout streams, and helped with several rare species recoveries and the creation of many backyard habitats.

The Conservancy website, [www.miwildlife.org](http://www.miwildlife.org), highlights some of the completed habitat restorations and other work.

## Tips for drought-stressed trees

The hot and dry conditions that have persisted over much of the state this summer are leaving many trees severely drought-stressed and in need of a good watering. The Forest Resources Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reminding residents that it is important to provide supplemental watering to help get these trees through the remainder of the summer and fall.

“Drought stress might not kill trees outright, but it weakens them and makes them more susceptible to other problems such as winter injury or secondary disease and insect problems later,” said DNR Urban and Community Forestry Manager Kevin Sayers. “It’s important to recognize some common symptoms of drought stress on trees and how to provide needed care. Being proactive with watering will help ensure these trees survive until adequate rainfall returns.”

Sayers provided the following examples of drought-stress symptoms, and some dos and don’ts for watering trees.

Symptoms of drought stress:

In deciduous trees, leaves may curl or droop, turn brown at the margins (scorching), fall prematurely and exhibit early-autumn coloration.

In evergreen trees, needles may turn to yellow, red and eventually brown.

In severe or prolonged droughts, leaves may drop prematurely or become brown and remain attached. Twigs or entire branches may experience dieback.

When watering trees, do:

Prioritize the plants that need watering first and most often. Newly planted trees should be a priority, as should high-value trees.

Provide long, slow soakings to saturate the soil.

Water newly planted trees weekly and established trees every two to three weeks.

Water under the tree’s dripline (from the trunk, to edge of the tree canopy).

Provide 1 inch of irrigation per week (depending on recent rainfall) using the following methods:

Sprinkler: Place an empty container or rain gauge nearby to measure about 1 inch of irrigation.

Hand watering via hose: Let water run slowly until the ground is saturated (10 to 12 inches deep) and moist near the base of small trees or at various points under the dripline of large trees.

Five-gallon bucket: Most newly planted trees need 5 to 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter (at knee height) each week.

Soaker or trickle hoses: Saturate the soil under the dripline to at least 10 to 12 inches deep.

Use mulch to help retain soil moisture and save water. Apply 3 to 4 inches of organic mulch under the tree canopy, but not touching the trunk.

Don’t:

Water during the middle of the day. Most of the water applied at the hottest and most windy time of day is immediately lost to evaporation.

Use mist sprinklers. As much as 70 percent of water may be lost to evaporation into the air.

Water frequently and lightly. This may help the lawn stay green but is ineffective for most trees.

Use fertilizer. Fertilizer salts can cause root injury when soil moisture is limited.

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Announcements

Speaker series Aug. 18

The Eastland Disaster will be discussed, featuring a maritime historian at Whitefish Point. Event will take place on Aug. 18 at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

Paradise Blueberry Festival

Aug. 17 to 19: Wild Blueberry Festival, Paradise Arts and Crafts Fair, Unique Entertainment, Local Food Specialties, Blueberry Jamboree at the Whitefish Township Community Center. Sponsored by The Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce.

Celebrate wilderness

Celebrate 25 years of the Michigan Wilderness Act on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the St. Ignace Town Hall, located at N4298 Gorman Road. A light brunch will be followed by a program featuring speakers from the Sierra Club and U.S. Forest Service, as well as local activists. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club. For more information, call 517-484-2372 x10, or send an email to gail.philbin@sierraclub.org, or visit the website, www.michigan.sierraclub.org.

In addition, the Sierra Club is offering a Horseshoe Bay Wilderness Camp Out from Friday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 19. For details, email Carol Ward at saltpt@lighthouse.net.

Display cases wanted

Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Society is seeking display cases. Please call 248-5440.

Yard sale

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Friday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3053 S. Pine Village Road, Bay Mills. Lots of trash that could be your special treasure: Christmas animated dolls, lots of pigs for the pig collector, household goods, clothes for adults and boys size 5 to 7, plus much, much more. No early sales please. For more information, call 906-322-2321 or 906-322-8109.

Make a birch bark basket

Bay Mills Indian Community's Gnoozhekaaning Cultural Program presents a birch bark basket making session on Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Migizi Hall. Bring a dish to pass; hot dogs and drinks provided. For more information, contact Jesse Bowen at 906-437-4372, ext. 203.

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

August is National Breastfeeding Month and Bay Mills Healthy Start Program is marking the occasion with a walk to support breastfeeding on Friday, Aug. 24 at the walking track off Lakeshore Drive by Wild Bluff Gold Course from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided after the walk. Those in need of transportation to the site are asked to call the following within 24 hours of the event: Joann LeBlanc at 906-248-8360, Erica Carrick at 8510 or Candice Leapley at 8340.

Ice Cream Social planned

Bay Mills Brimley Historical Research Society welcomes the public to an old-fashioned ice cream social to mark the grand opening of the depot on Saturday, Sep. 1 from 12 to 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Brimley Community Park on

M221 and ice cream will be sold as a fundraiser to help furnish the depot. For more information, call Janet Russell at 906-248-3487.

Bullying talk given

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project, or STAY, will host an appearance by Tina Meier on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Arts Center Auditorium at Lake Superior State University. Meier has spoken nationally and internationally on bullying and cyberbullying, which led to the 2006 suicide of her daughter. STAY's goal is to reduce suicides in the EUP. For more information, contact Laura Porterfield at 906-635-8629 or send an email to: LPorterfield@saulttribe.net.

Music series in St. Ignace

Aug. 22: Locals on the Bay Free Waterfront Entertainment Series, St. Ignace. Enjoy free waterfront entertainment by local musicians during an evening performance, 7 to 8: 30 p.m., on the shores of Lake Huron, marina pavilion, downtown St. Ignace. Donations accepted.

Walk the Mighty Mac

55th Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk, Monday Sept. 3. Start time from St. Ignace side is between 7 to 11am. For more information see http://www.mackinacbridge.org/annual-bridge-walk-7/

Wilderness Canoe Race

Tahquamenon Falls State Park. On Sept. 15 there will be a professional two person canoe race down the Tahquamenon River. The 17-mile race begins at the Lower Falls and finishes at Whitefish Bay near the camp-

ground. A shorter, one-person race also offered, as well as a Free-For-All for amateurs and paddling enthusiasts. Event hosted by the Paradise Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Canoe Racing Association. Visit www.miracing.com for more information.

Elk tags drawn

Names were drawn for Bay Mills Indian Community's elk tags on Aug. 1. Selected for the hunt this year are: Aliche Carrick (bull), Donald Carrick III (cow), Matthew Lothrop (cow), and Richard Parrish (cow). Bull season begins first. If a bull is not taken at that time it will continue with cow season in December.

Boys & Girls Club hours

The Boys & Girls Club will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day. The Bay Mills Club will be open Sept. 4 when school gets out until 5 p.m. School year hours will begin at the Bay Mills Club for ages 5 to 18 on Sept. 5 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. School year hours will begin at the Brimley Club for ages 7 to 18 on Sept. 5 from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: All incoming kindergartners must attend school for one month before they will be able to attend the Bay Mills Club.

Chamber Chase planned

Sept. 22: 10th Annual Oktoberfest and 3rd Annual Chamber Chase Marathon in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Chamber Chase Marathon will be passing through downtown, and has several different race levels and unique routes. More information can be found at www.saultstemarie.org.

Fiddler Jamboree

Fiddler Jamboree, Newberry American Legion (M-123) on Sept. 22.

All acoustic (non electrical) instruments. Everyone is welcome to play or just enjoy listening! From 1 to 5 p.m., all are welcome to come and perform three pieces; 6 to 9:30 p.m. — square dance with musicians from the afternoon performing again for the dancers. A concession is provided by the Tahquamenon Logging Museum.

Speaker series at museum

Sept. 28: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum Speaker Series, 7 p.m.

The sinking of the Carl Bradley, featuring 9&10 News Director of Photojournalism Corey Adkins. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

Harvest Festival Oct. 13

Visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park and experience the Lower Falls annual camping tradition. Events include pumpkin carving, campsite decorating, chili cook-off, costume contests, trick-or-treating, and a haunted trail in Paradise. Families, groups and couples have made camping during Harvest Festival a tradition.

Feast planned

A traditional community feast is being planned on Sept. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Armella Parker Center as part of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference. Bay Mills is hosting the conference this year.

Community members are encouraged to attend the feast and bring a dish to pass.



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## Officers voice concerns about prison safety after murder

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — On the heels of another murder within their Kinross facilities, corrections officers voiced their concerns publicly about prison safety amidst budget cuts at an informational picket on Aug. 22 in Sault Ste. Marie.

At the core of their concerns are the elimination of perimeter safety vehicles and loss of tower guards and resident unit officers. Those working inside the facilities maintain that, without a deterrent on the outside of the prisons, safety of officers and community members is in jeopardy.

The most recent incident at Chippewa Correctional Facility took place in August when convicted murderer Tim Meaker took another life while serving his life sentence. Meaker, a level IV offender, strangled his cellmate, Thomas Taborelli, with a fan cord and then proceeded to beat him to death, according to reports obtained from the Michigan State Police.

Taborelli, 65, who was already intermittently using a walker and wheelchair, succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 11 after being transported to Petoskey for treatment.

Meaker has hardly been a model prisoner since his incarceration

began. Originally sentenced to life in 1978 for murdering an acquaintance by shooting him to death, he once again found himself in hot water a decade later. He took a female guard hostage in 1986 while in Ypsilanti because he was angry over a transfer to the Jackson prison.

That stint earned him decades of segregation. He’s considered a violent offender, but according to officers, there isn’t much that can be done with a man who basically “thinks he has nothing to lose.”

And even after the most recent incident, Meaker made no bones about what he did. In a letter sent to MSP, he stated he intended to murder his cellmate, someone he once referred to as a friend.

“My intent was to do enough physical harm to Taborelli to cause his death. His autopsy should reveal massive head trauma as well as crushing to his throat. I was fully aware of my actions during the assault, which lasted approximately three minutes!”

He’s even noted as chuckling about the incident in statements from officers while he stood covered in Taborelli’s blood. The autopsy confirms the death was due to cerebral trauma and strangulation.

Officers at the picket wanted residents to know that violent

offenders like Meaker are housed in their community and that cuts impact safety both inside and outside of the facility.

“It’s about officer and community safety to us, but right now, cuts are the bottom line to the State of Michigan,” said Cecil Pedrin, union representative who spearheaded the picket. “There are no more deterrents with the cutting of perimeter security and loss of guards in gun towers.”

Pedrin has been vocal since Gov. Snyder took office and set his sights on the Michigan Department of Corrections budget. Pedrin doesn’t believe in budget-managed corrections and thinks officer positions should be the last to get the axe, saying many administrative positions could be eliminated instead.

“Eliminating people who work within the inmate population and have a working knowledge of these criminals puts everyone at risk,” said Pedrin.

The MDOC is also embroiled in controversy after a whistleblower filed suit in August. A civil service complaint was filed by Stephen Marschke, a former administrator with internal affairs, which claims the MDOC is mismanaged, employees are being terminated in record numbers, resulting in low morale, and taxpayer dollars are being squandered on the Michigan



Prisoner Re-entry Initiative.

The MPRI has also fallen under particular scrutiny in the last year as a number of parolees released not only re-offended, but committed violent crimes. Most notable is the murder of an 80-year old woman by two parolees in the Detroit area.

Marschke’s complaint says these crimes were predicted by those working within the prison and could have been prevented, but they were told to release parolees to free up beds. One incident Marschke refers to in his complaint is the Kinross incident last winter where a prisoner walked out the front doors of the facility amidst a paperwork “forgery.” According to

the complaint prison, officials were not even aware the man had escaped.

“This is a clear example of how reduced security leads to the possibility of someone being hurt or killed,” says Marschke.

The complaint also contends that MDOC administrators considered violating Freedom of Information Act requests from the Detroit Free Press about the aforementioned incidents because they didn’t want to come under public scrutiny.

Currently more than 500 inmates are housed at the three facilities in Kinross, many of which are categorized as violent offenders.

## Native Fish & Wildlife Society marks 25th anniversary in Bay Mills

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Recognizing its 25th anniversary, the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society held its annual conference in Bay Mills this year from Sept. 9 to 14. Officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and directors of NAFWS welcomed approximately 120 participants to the event.

Bay Mills tribal member and BIA Superintendent Jerry Parish was on hand to address the crowd and said it was “gratifying to see such growth and diversity taking place.” Parish said he can remember when the first tribal consent decree was signed and remarked on how far tribes have come since. The overall message conveyed at the conference was the importance of cooperation amongst tribal, state and federal authorities working in natural resources.

As part of the conference, conservation officers, biologists and fisheries staff collaborated for the week, sharing information and resources about their specific tribes.

This year’s conference also offered up training opportunities, sessions on invasive species and wildlife management and administrative training for department heads. Bay Mills Biological Services staff also presented at the conference.

Biologist Amanda Bosak provided information on working with invasive species and Point Source Pollution Specialist Dan Tadgerson provided a first-hand account of cleaning up an oil spill in the Great Lakes. Officers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan participated in field training and competition shooting.

Congressional funding updates were also a hot topic at the conference, as many departments noted they are still struggling to make ends meet with limited resources.

Legal consultant Mary Pavel provided an update on the process of garnering funds from the federal government and the message wasn’t promising.

“It’s unnerving. The system is as broken as I’ve ever seen it. We just have to wait and see what happens,” she said, referring to the partisan divide in Washington D.C.

She continued on, noting the upcoming November election will be a key factor in how programs are funded. The Obama administration has kept funding at current levels, but how 2013 will play out remains a mystery until a candidate is selected and Congress takes shape.

“There a number of pieces of legislation that will impact natural resources,” said Pavel. Some of the proposed legislation seeks to remove government oversight and environmental regulations, as well as allow land swaps that would effect treaty rights.

“I encourage you to keep in touch with your delegates,” she added.

Participants were also encouraged to participate in outdoor activities, such as golf and softball, in between conference sessions. A feast was provided by Bay Mills Indian Community during the week, where traditional staples of venison and whitefish were served and members of the community welcomed participants to the reservation.

Marking the end of the conference, a banquet was held at Horizons Conference Center to honor officers for their accomplishments.

Bay Mills retired Conservation Captain Ben Carrick was honored with an award for Distinguished Service and Conservation Officer Terry Carrick was recognized with the Glen Miller Tribal Leader of the Year Award.

“It’s an honor for Bay Mills Conservation officers to be recognized for service, both past and present,” said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron.



Officers are shown above participating in the competition shoot. At far right is Bay Mills Officer Conservation Officer Terry Carrick taking aim. He was honored for leadership at the conference. At right, Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron delivers opening remarks to the crowd. Directly above, tribal members gathered with participants for a traditional feast.



### Sault Ste. Marie Post motor carrier officer receives Lifesaving Award

LANSING — At a special ceremony held in Lansing on Sept. 13, Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue presented MC Ofcr. Jessica Cameron of the Sault Ste. Marie Post with the MSP Lifesaving Award.

On May 5, Cameron responded to a call involving an unresponsive individual who had no pulse and was not breathing. Border Patrol Agents performed CPR while Cameron assisted in administering an Automated External Defibrillator. The AED initiated a pulse and the individual was transported to a nearby hospital and treated for a massive heart attack.

In presenting Cameron with the MSP Lifesaving Award, the department recognizes that, if not for her quick actions and training, the individual may not have survived.

Cameron enlisted with the department in 2002, graduating as a member of the 14th Motor Carrier Recruit School. Prior to serving as a motor carrier officer at the Sault Ste. Marie Post in October of 2011, Cameron served at the Metro, Brighton and Monroe posts.

Cameron is a 1998 graduate of the Tahquamenon area schools. She is the daughter of Kip and Regene Cameron of Newberry.



# Sault Animal Hospital expands services, adds staff

**By Sharlene Myers**  
*Bay Mills News*

SAULT STE. MARIE —The hiring of a new veterinarian at Sault Animal Hospital is making a lot of local horse owners very happy. The staff can now offer care for large animals such as horses and cows, making it the only facility to do so within 150 miles.

Dr. Amber Myers joins Dr. Jeff LaHuis, the owner of the business, and Dr. Cassie Ayers and Dr. Jill Lynn. Myers is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and returns to her hometown following a year-long internship in large animal medicine and surgery at Moore Equine Veterinary Centre in Alberta, Canada.

LaHuis purchased Sault Animal Hospital in August 2010 from Ken and Cindy McCrumb. Ayers was working with the McCrumb's and stayed on, providing a continuity of service that is so important when taking over a business, said LaHuis. She earned her degree also at Michigan State and spent three years prepping yearling thoroughbred horses for the sales in Kentucky.

The two vets were very busy and soon looked to hire another pair of hands, bringing Lynn onboard early in 2012. Also a Michigan State graduate, she had recently returned from

a six-month deployment in Somalia, serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Veterinary Corps. LaHuis felt a special connection with her, having served himself in the Veterinary Corps for a one-year stint in Qatar.

LaHuis pointed out that the Army is the only one of the five branches of the service that have a Veterinary Corps and they take care of animals in all branches, including the sea lions used by the U.S. Navy. His particular focus was on military working dogs and that interest continues. "My niche is intensive surgeries and I particularly like working with dogs."

Thanks to the Internet, LaHuis said, he was able to walk off the plane from Qatar and straight into the business he had purchased in Sault Ste. Marie. Also a graduate from Michigan State, he had worked for 10 years in a large nine-vet hospital before going to Qatar and told his wife before he left that he was ready for something new.

Since acquiring the business, he has steadily expanded the services

offered by the previous owners. Vaccinations, well pet visits, orthopedic surgery, laser surgery and therapy laser for physical rehab along with repeat checkups are offered. The business has two ultra sound machines, a mobile equine unit and an in-house unit, used for pregnancy checks.

With four veterinarians in the house, Sault Animal Hospital can now offer full services for large animals, including dentistry, surgery, reproductive issues and vaccinations. Complete services are available for small animals as well and they also treat exotic animals, such as reptiles.

LaHuis has already begun expanding the building, preparing for an increase in treating large animals. "I used to do cattle medicine and also horses," he said. "I saw a need up here and started to look into it. It is a lot more than I can do, so I hired Amber in August."

Future plans involve expanded boarding kennels including "kitty condos," and a barn and corral to keep horses overnight. LaHuis also participates in wild life rehabilitation, working with local tribes and the Department of Natural Resources. Staff is on call for after hours emergencies at 906-635-5910.



Dr. Amber Myers and her horse, Nightstar



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## Cyberbullying seminar held at LSSU

**By Shannon Jones**  
*Bay Mills News*

SAULT STE. MARIE — Giving a firsthand account of her experience with cyberbullying, Tina Maeir addressed community members and students at Lake Superior State University on Aug. 29. She is the mother of Megan Maeir, a student who was taunted by classmates posing as someone else online and ultimately took her life as a result.

This was the third visit to the area for Maier, a Missouri native, who was brought to town by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians STAY project, which aims at educating and providing at-risk youth with support services. Previously she had addressed middle school/high school students and professionals. Her latest visit was geared towards college students.

Maier depicted how her young daughter Megan was taunted by a schoolmate (and the girl's mother) through use of the social networking site, MySpace.

According to Maier, she did everything right. She had the password to the account and monitored it for content, making sure her daughter wasn't acting inappropriately online, and didn't let her daughter log into the account when she wasn't supervised.

But in a matter of weeks following the acceptance of a fictitious friend request from a boy named "Josh," Megan decided to end her life. While her parents were discussing the MySpace account and the comments Josh was making to their daughter, Megan went up to her room and hung herself in her closet.

One of Maier's biggest points to students was to not accept friend requests from people you don't know. In Megan's case "Josh" was really a former friend and her mother who thought it would be funny to taunt Megan, who was also their neighbor.

The message that sent Megan over the edge entailed this "friend" telling her she was not a good person and he did not want to be friends anymore. Megan was devastated because she had talked to this person for weeks and had a crush on him. The

change in tone was completely out of the blue and turned a 13-year old girl into a statistic.

"Kids don't view it as a big deal, having a relationship with strangers. About 60 percent of kids do," said Maeir, noting you never know what agenda people may have online. "People do mean, cruel, vicious things to each other. We all cope differently. Kids don't have the ability to cope or walk away from it."

Since her daughter's death, Maier has worked across the country to promote awareness about the issue of cyberbullying. She has appeared on network television, including Dr. Phil, and

worked to get legislation passed that makes cyberbullying a crime.

Prior to Megan's death, there were no laws on the books that addressed the issue. Today, only one state, Montana, remains untouched by Maier's efforts. Megan's death garnered worldwide attention, with news organizations from Japan and Sweden covering the case because of its uniqueness.

Despite the attention, Maier said her message isn't about promoting suicide, it's about preventing it.

"Suicide is not an option. It doesn't fix anything," Maier concluded.

## Changes proposed to Blue Cross of Michigan by Gov. Snyder

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed overhauling Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan by ending the nonprofit health insurer's tax-exempt status and aligning it with competitors across the state.

The Republican governor said during a news conference in Lansing that he wants to "level the playing field" for insurers and modernize Michigan's insurer of last resort, which serves 4.4 million residents.

Blue Cross would not be sold or lose its nonprofit status. Instead, it would become an organization owned by its policyholders and regulated in the same way as many of its competitors.

The plan would require Blue Cross to contribute about \$1.5 billion over 18 years to a nonprofit entity aimed at improving public health and health care access. It would pay about \$100 million in taxes.

Blue Cross in Michigan would join 11 other Blue Cross Blue Shield companies nationwide structured as so-called mutual insurers; those companies operate in 18 states.

Changing how the state regulates Blue Cross has been among Snyder's goals and he included it in a special message last September to the Legislature on health and wellness. He said Blue Cross is specifically regulated by a law that's more than 30 years old and doesn't take into account many changes in the health care industry.

"Times have changed," Snyder said. "If you look at where federal law ... is going in terms of health care, it's getting much more to an open marketplace where, under federal law, insurance companies will be required to provide insurance to individuals regardless of their health conditions. So this is an excellent opportunity for us to say we should update ... to keep up with that."

The plan requires approval by the Legislature and Blue Cross' board of directors. Snyder and Blue Cross leaders say they have been in discussions for months regarding the proposals, which would take effect Jan. 1, 2014, at the same time as key provisions in the federal Affordable Care Act.

After months of efforts to get fellow GOP leaders in the Michigan House of Representatives to approve a state-driven exchange, Snyder said last month that Michigan will pursue a partnership.

Blue Cross officials said in a statement that it's "not exactly" what it would have proposed, but it creates a "fair and balanced set of rules of health insurance."

No final action is expected before the Nov. 6 election. The Legislature, which returned Sept. 11 for its first week of sessions since June, has only eight sessions scheduled between now and then.

Dear Friends,

My name is Cathy Maleport and I currently serve as your County Clerk. I would be grateful for your consideration in the upcoming election. Due to the demands of my office, time does not permit me to personally meet with each of you, so I would like to offer a few words to introduce myself.

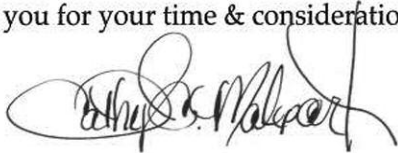
I have lived in Chippewa County most of my life; my husband Michael (Mick) and I have raised four children, and our families altogether represent several generations in Chippewa County. We feel ourselves fortunate to live in this wonderful community and I am proud to serve in public office, working for friends and neighbors.

I have worked in the clerk's office for over 10 years, and in 2011 I was privileged to have been appointed Clerk of the Court by Judge Nicholas J. Lambros. I am grateful to former Clerk Diane S. Cork for her endorsement of my candidacy.



My husband and his family own and operate a successful business that has provided goods and services in our area for more than 40 years through many economic ups and downs. I know first hand how important it is to see that household dollars are spent appropriately and responsibly. I have, and if elected, will continue to exercise that same care with your tax dollars.

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# Sierra Club celebrates Wilderness Act anniversary

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

ST. IGNACE — Commemorating 25 years since the passage of the Michigan Wilderness Act, members from the Sierra Club gathered with local residents, activists, and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin to recognize its importance at a ceremony held at the St. Ignace Township Hall on Aug. 18.

“In the early 80s we knew what we wanted and were trying to accomplish, and that was keeping forests pristine,” said Levin. “It’s important to have wild places to heal yourself and be inspired.”

Levin was a driving force behind getting the act passed and said he remembers there was hesitance from people because they believed the government

was already too involved in their lives. He worked alongside now retired Congressman Dale Kildee on passage of the MWA, which was no small feat.

“It’s fairly normal for people to be suspicious of the federal government,” said Levin, noting the reason he originally ran for office was to bring the local perspective to D.C.

Despite the difficulty, in 1987 Congress passed the Michigan Wilderness Act, protecting 90,000 acres of old growth forests, lakes and dunes around the state that became these beloved wilderness areas: Big Island Lake, Delirium, Horseshoe Bay, Mackinac, McCormick, Nordhouse Dunes, Rock River Canyon, Round Island, Sturgeon River Gorge, and Sylvania.

Aaron Payment, chairman of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians was on hand to express the tribal perspective on preservation, opening with a traditional prayer.

“We believe we aren’t separate from Mother Earth. The grass is her hair, the water is her blood,” he said, noting the importance of the 1836 treaty-ceded territories. “We will preserve it as long as the rivers flow, grass grows and the sun glows.”

The MWA designated key areas in Michigan to remain



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, middle, is shown speaking with Henry Guyot (right) of Detroit, who considers himself “a longtime U.P. tourist” and Ann Wiowode, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter Director (left). Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Hessel Drum played an honor song for the senator as ceremonies began.

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“untouched” by man and those areas remain today, operating under the premise of “leave no trace.” According to Levin, work is also being done to have a portion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore included in these designations as a way of preserving it for future generations.

Those who attended also observed exhibits on invasive

species and took the opportunity to participate in a self-guided hike of Horseshoe Bay Wilderness.



FIELD DEDICATION — Brimley Area Schools honored the memory of former coach and teacher Richard “Dick” Amble by dedicating the football field to him on Friday, Sept. 7, prior to the varsity game against Cedarville. Amble actively served Brimley Schools for more than 30 years and even returned as a substitute teacher after his retirement. He was known as a fixture in the hallways of Brimley Schools and athletic events, known for his sense of humor and stories.

Pictured above are members of Amble’s family. His wife, Jean, is holding a sign, which is a replica of what will be placed at the field once complete.

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# OPINION

## Consumer bureau is off to a strong start

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

When Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act to reform Wall Street in the aftermath of the financial crisis, one of our most important steps was an attempt to help level the playing field for consumers in the complicated markets for mortgages, credit cards, consumer loans and other financial products by establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Just as federal agencies protect consumers from harmful food products or pharmaceuticals, the CFPB is designed to help protect consumers from abuses in financial markets. The agency is required twice a year to report to Congress on its activities, and in early September, CFPB Director Rob Cordray gave us a promising report card.

As my Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has shown, shoddy mortgage lending practices were one of the major causes of the financial crisis. Too often, lenders sought short-term profits by giving loans to consumers who couldn't pay, or deceiving borrowers about the cost of loans, leading to the housing collapse that hurt nearly every American family. Director Cordray explained how CFPB has begun writing rules that will simplify mortgage disclosure forms, so that consumers can clearly understand the terms and costs of a loan.

Our subcommittee has also documented abusive practices by credit card companies, such as unfair billing practices and unjustified interest rate hikes. One of consumers' best weapons against those abuses is information, and to help, the CFPB has established a database of consumer credit card complaints at [consumerfinance.gov/complaint-database](http://consumerfinance.gov/complaint-database).

The CFPB isn't just gathering data; it's taking action. In addition to credit card complaints, the bureau investigates complaints about mortgages, payday loans, bank accounts, and other financial products. It works with consumers and financial companies to try to resolve those complaints. Since December of last year, nearly 5,000 consumers have received monetary relief from financial companies,

thanks to the CFPB complaint process.

Another important area of CFPB activity is its assistance to military families. These families are especially vulnerable to financial fraud and abuse: they are often young, making major financial commitments like a mortgage or car loan for the first time; they face the strain and separation of overseas deployments that can last a year or more; and they must regularly move from one base to another as they are transferred to a new unit.

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs is headed up by Holly Petraeus, the wife of Gen. David Petraeus, our former top commander in Iraq and Afghanistan, now serving as CIA director. Holly Petraeus has crossed the country visiting military installations to help educate military families on financial issues and to inform them about CFPB's available services.

The bureau is testing a "Military Benefits Calculator" that estimates education benefits for servicemembers, veterans and their families. It is also assisting the Department of Defense in improving educational materials provided to military members as they transition from life in uniform to the civilian world.

Another issue it is tackling is abusive payday loans, which sometimes target families on military bases. And it is working with the Treasury Department to help military families obtain mortgage modifications that can help them avoid foreclosure. The bureau is also working with banking regulators to help protect military families from abusive mortgage practices.

Student loans are another area of major concern for American families; as college costs have grown, so has the debt that students and families take on to pay for education. The CFPB is testing an online tool to help families compare the cost of various financial aid options. And it is working with the Department of Education to finalize requirements for a consumer "shopping sheet" that lenders will provide to every borrower, clearly outlining the terms of a loan.

CFPB is also putting some teeth into consumer protection rules by putting a priority on enforcement. For example, in July, the bureau

ordered credit card company Capital One to refund nearly \$140 million to consumers after engaging in hard-sell tactics and then refusing to cancel add-on products such as credit monitoring services. This action sent a strong signal to financial companies that they must obey the law or face the consequences.

The message for consumers is that they have a powerful agency on their side in the financial world. I hope you'll visit the consumer bureau's website at [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov) and take full advantage of the tools it offers to protect you and your family from unfair financial practices.

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## The Spinning Bounce

By Raging Moderate, by Will Durst

Let's speak about The Bounce, shall we? The Bounce being the jump that a three-day, red-white-and-blue infomercial is expected to produce on a candidate's polling. The idea is to use The Bounce as a slingshot of momentum to whip you down the campaign straightaway directly into the swivel seat behind the desk of the Oval Office. Or close enough to let the Supreme Court appoint you. One or the other.

What usually happens, after both conventions have drop-kicked their last balloon, is an equilibrium is struck. One side goes up four to six points, then the other side goes up four to six points and you're pretty much back to where you started. The Bounce evens out. Not very exciting. Like sugar-free cookies. Or kissing Andrea Mitchell. Knocking back a shot of non-alcoholic wine. Otherwise known as grape juice.

This time around, the net result of two weeks in the Southeast in the dead of summer is President Barack Obama got a cumulative bump of between 3 and 5 points. Hard to say which event was more responsible for his ascension: his own Democratic National Convention, the Republican National Convention or Hurricane Akin.

Gov. Mitt Romney got the same kind of Bounce you'd expect from an anvil dropped onto a swamp. Even his own staff called it "not large." Yeah. Not large being a euphemism for non-existent. It was not large in the same way that August in Charlotte does not feature a cluster of destination luge runs. Similar to how Kim Kardashian is not a Nobel Prize-winning nuclear physicist. Banana fritters aren't magnetic. An echoing abyss of whistling emptiness.

Some polls actually suggested the GOP ticket received less than Zero Bounce from their convention. Less than zero. On the wrong side of the ledger. Red ink. A negative Bounce; which could be referred to as a Plunge. Might need to christen a new buzzword: the Convention Dip. But that would involve stripping Chris Christie of his own personal Tampa catalogue description.

When a campaign finds itself Sans Bounce, it's important to replace it with The Spin. As Republicans are feverishly attempting this year. Spinning like an aging hippie in a peasant dress dead stage left at a Grateful Dead tribute-band concert. Twirling left. Spinning right. Spinning righter. Pay no attention to that man behind the fact-checking curtain.

The Spin should be fluid and flexible and is not required to be rooted in the real world. Its only purpose is to distract. "The Not So Large of a Bounce was due to Mr. Romney having already consolidated his base." "The Governor doesn't really need a Bounce because of the spring in his step." "All The Bounce this candidate needs can be found in his hair."

Not only do the Bounceless have to convince supporters and the base and most especially prospective donors that the candidate still has a shot, it is incumbent to also soft pedal and ridicule the other guy's visible Bounce. Phantom Bounce.

Romney's pollster Neil Newhouse called the Obama Bounce "a sugar high." That may be so, but you got to remember, in tough times like these, a lot of we normal Americans got ourselves a heavy hankering for anything sweet. Even one of those sugar-free cookies.

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## What about the War on Men?

By Tom Purcell

"Lots of people are talking about the 'war on women' these days, but what about the war on men?"

"The war on men? This is going to be good."

"Look, if you ask me, this 'war on women' thing is mostly just a difference of opinion. Some people think the government should pass more laws to give women special workplace rights or force faith-based employers to include coverage for contraception and other reproductive matters in their health insurance policies for employees."

"OK, fair enough."

"Well, just because other people don't want the government telling organizations what they must or must not do doesn't mean they are against women. It means they don't like the idea of government establishing more laws and mandates to right every wrong, perceived or otherwise."

"So you're saying the 'war on women' crowd thinks it is being victimized and wants the government to intervene, whereas the 'leave us alone' crowd prefers individual freedom and wants the government to butt out. But what does this have to do with the supposed 'war on women'?"

"Well, if we men adopted a victimization mindset, we could complain about lots of things. Here's one: During our bad eco-

nomic spell, many states helped close their budget shortfalls with high taxes on beer! It's well-known that men consume way more beer than women, so aren't such taxes sexist?"

"Where is the ACLU when you need it?"

"And did you know Medicare no longer covers Viagra? That's going to have a terrible impact on my relationship with the wife during my retirement years."

"How so?"

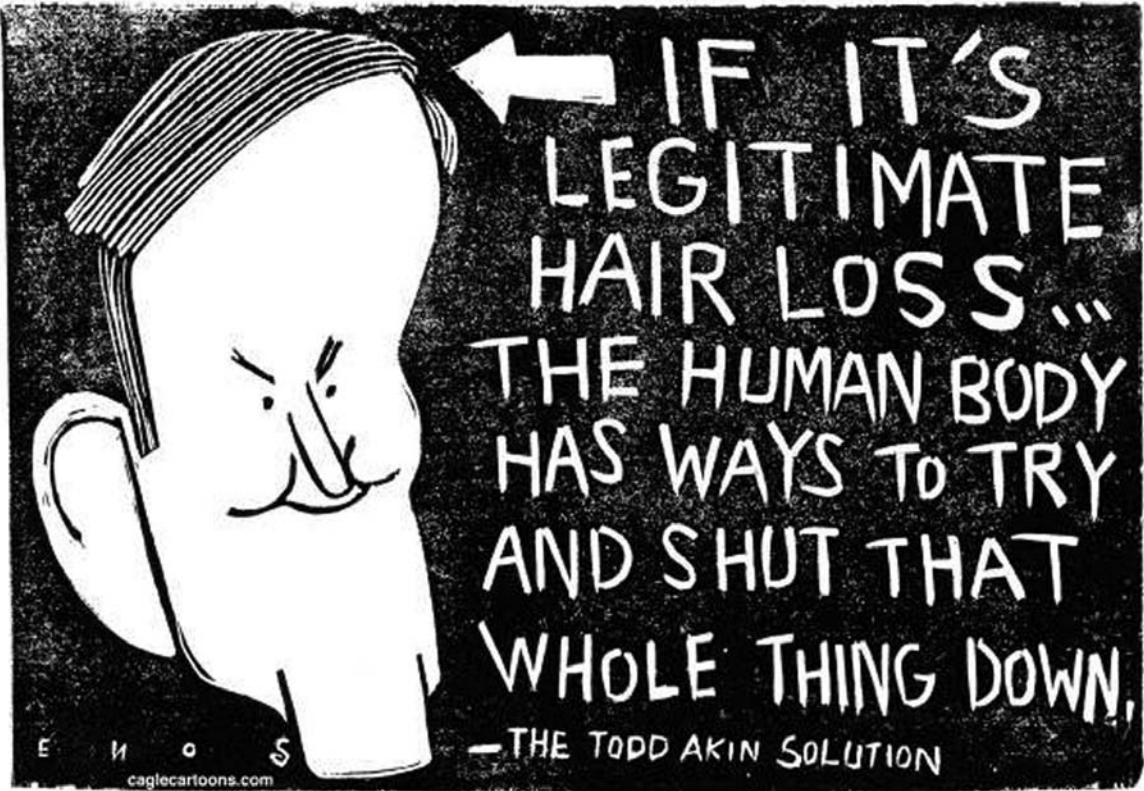
"If the wife knows I have a stash of those pills, she'll spend way more time at the mall, ensuring peace and quiet for both of us. But there are plenty of other areas where we men are victims."

"Go on."

"Have you noticed that when you're out at an event, women go to the bathroom together, but men never do? I think it's because the women's rooms are bigger and, depending on the joint, have cushy lounge chairs or couches. The government should mandate equal bathroom rights for men."

"You want the government to do that?"

"Sure. If we men had more space, we'd go to the bathroom together, too. We could talk about things, such as good prostate health, that will improve our well-being and decrease medical costs. The government should like that, now that it's running our health care."



"As odd as it sounds, you make some sense."

"But the biggest area where men are being targeted is by female state legislators. You wouldn't believe some of the anti-male laws they're trying to pass."

"You are right about that. Angered by some state laws that require women to get various tests before they make reproductive decisions, such as abortion, some female politicians have been striking back. I read about it on BuzzFeed.com."

"That's right. One Virginia

state senator tried to pass an amendment to a bill that 'would require men to undergo a rectal exam and cardiac stress test before being treated for erectile dysfunction.'"

"That doesn't sound very pleasant."

"Look, my point isn't that complicated. Just because people want the government to butt out of their personal lives, it doesn't mean they're against women."

"Sounds reasonable to me."

"Besides, isn't it a little contradictory to demand that the government stay out of your private

matters while also demanding that it make religious organizations pay for your contraception? Shouldn't people and religious organizations in America have the freedom to follow their own beliefs?"

"And the beer tax?"

"That's an egregious example of the never-ending war on men!"

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# Brimley Area Schools recognized as “Reward” school

**By Shannon Jones**  
*Bay Mills News*

BRIMLEY — Brimley School Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 20. Board members not present at the meeting were Tracy Bertram and Tim Wilson.

In the Spotlight on Success, Brimley Superintendent Rod Goehmann brought the board’s attention to Brimley’s recent categorization as a “Reward” school.

This is the highest level awarded to high schools and Brimley is one of only two schools in the U.P. to have this distinction.

Reward schools include the top five percent of schools on the annual Top-to-Bottom ranking of all Michigan schools, and the top five percent of schools making the greatest academic progress over the previous four years. According to middle school/high school Principal Brian Reattoir, Brimley is in the 84th percentile of high

schools in the state of Michigan. “Kudos to our faculty and students,” he added.

In other business, Sally Piche resigned as coach of 8th grade volleyball, as she was hired at a previous meeting on July 17 to become the junior varsity coach. Beth Hill was approved to replace Piche as the 8th grade coach. In faculty matters, Jean Schaedler was hired to fill the vacancy of a 2nd grade teacher and Alicia LaFord was hired to fill the position of the Title I reading teacher.

In a discussion relating to school safety and in light of another school shooting covered in the news, board member Rudy Johnson said he would like to look into an intercom system once again. The intercom would inform teachers immediately of security issues within the school and enable a more efficient “lock-down” of the building should the need arise. Reattoir said he had

contacts and quotes from a discussion last year and would pass them on to Johnson.

The board approved Johnson looking into the matter and soliciting funds to pay for the system. Johnson said he will first find out dollar amounts and then pursue fund raising efforts. He is hoping to get assistance from Homeland Security and Bay Mills Indian Community with the proposal.

High School Athletic Director Milt Sutton came before the board with a proposal to start junior high cross country as a club sport, which would be of no expense to the school. Parent Vincent Gross, a certified cross country official, was on hand to provide more information.

He said students were interested and other districts had teams to compete with. Brimley already has uniforms, so that cost would be avoided by participants, however all meet costs would fall on ath-

letes. And even though it will be run as a club sport, academic requirements would still apply. The board approved the proposal.

The board also discussed and approved a contract with the EUPISD Business Consortium, which would provide business services for the district beginning Oct. 1. Current business manager Deb Connolly will be retiring at this time and the use of these services will provide cost savings to the district.

The consortium already works with other districts in the EUP, and noted that business manager level duties, such as payroll, are difficult to replace. They will provide whatever needs the board establishes are necessary upon Connolly’s departure.

Brimley’s School Board meets monthly, every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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## Vacancies filled at Brimley Area Schools

**By Lori Mills**  
*Bay Mills News*

BRIMLEY — There have been a few staffing changes this year at Brimley. They are mostly familiar faces around the school already, just working in different positions.

Last year’s paraprofessional, Jean Schaedler, has now taken the position of one of the second grade teachers. She has been in the school for two years and has her degree in Childhood Education and her master’s in special education. Prior to coming to the district, Schaedler was a substitute teacher in New York State, where she is from, for three years. Her plan for the year is to make learning fun and see the students excel.

“I am looking forward to learning alongside the students and learn new ways to improve as a teacher,” said Schaedler.

Alicia LaFord is now the full-time Title I Reading Teacher for Brimley Elementary. Over the years she has held a number of different positions within the school district. LaFord grew up in Strong’s and has been with Brimley for more than seven years.

She has a degree in elementary education (K-8). She was a substitute teacher for six years and taught one year of kindergarten. LaFord also completed her student teaching in the 4th grade in Brimley.

“I want to see lots of progress and make reading fun,” said LaFord.

Fourth grade teacher Patricia Jones went on maternity leave Sept. 11 and will be off until February. To fill this vacancy Annie Rutledge was hired on as a long-term substitute.

Rutledge also has her degree in elementary education with an emphasis on social studies. She completed her student teaching in Pickford with the 5th grade where she also resides.

Rutledge’s plan for her time in the school is to be productive and keep on track with the curriculum and standards. She hopes to have to kids ready to learn while having fun.

“This is a good new adventure at a new place. I’m excited to learn from the kids too,” said Rutledge.

## Bay Mills Township Board moves ahead with building

**By Sharlene Myers**  
*Bay Mills News*

BAY MILLS — The tree is down, the lot cleared, the contract signed. The community will have a new emergency services building on the site 150 days from the Sept. 12 meeting of the Bay Mills Township Board or mid-March 2013, said Supervisor Roger Graham.

All that remains are the financial arrangements. At a special meeting held Sept. 5, board members accepted the low bid of \$402,500 from Nomad Construction. Township Treasurer Dawn Recla then moved to set the

total budget at \$477,500, as recommended by Northwood Land Surveying, who devised the building plans. The board unanimously agreed.

Graham explained that the board intends to borrow \$250,000 for the project, with the remainder coming out of the general fund. He and Township Clerk Mary Swendsen were nominated by the board to approach Central Savings Bank and Soo Co-op Credit Union and bring back the best loan deal to the board for confirmation.

Graham said he wanted to have this done as soon as possible in order to cover any bills coming in. The township has already been billed \$7,200 for bonding. If necessary, a special meeting may be called to decide on which financial institution will manage the loan.

Another decision made about the building at the Sept. 12 meeting was its color. By a vote of 3 to 2, the same light stone shade that the present township hall wears, will also adorn the new building.

Lynne Carmody addressed the board concerning the burial site at Mission Hill of eight unidentified sailors from the Steamer Myron, who perished in 1919. Her grandfather, Simon Johnston, was involved in finding the bodies and having them buried. His family wants to establish a perpetual care fund to maintain the site.

Swendsen was unsure how to handle the matter and will consult with the township’s auditor and get back to Carmody.

In public comment, many questions swirled around notification of events. An audience member asked if samples of the historic eastern pine that was felled to clear the lot for the new emergency services building were still available. Graham said 12 large rounds had been cut as well as close to 1,000 feet of 1-inch lumber and numerous specialty pieces that can be used for paneling, benches, plaques and small specialty furniture pieces. Some of the rounds have been distributed and one was stolen. There are some pieces left and anyone interested, should contact John Morrison, township employee.

Another question involved a fence that had been taken down when clearing the lot. Baker said the board was not aware the fence had not been on the old Iroquois Grocery property and they would investigate and replace it if warranted.

Rachael Kronemeyer requested the use of the township hall for a fire-fighting class she will teach from December 2012 through April 2013.

As part of the Fire Department Report, Baker said they were in need of old vehicles to use in extrication training. He requested people call them at 906-437-5437 and they will haul them away. Donors are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$300, he said.

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# Tadgerson hired as Bay Mills public works director

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills tribal member Aaron Tadgerson has been hired as the new public works director for Bay Mills Indian Community, effective Aug. 20. Tadgerson was previously employed by Bay Mills Community College, working as the land grant coordinator. His work at BMCC entailed recruitment and retention as well as ensuring resources were in place to help develop BMCC’s campus.

“I worked to help develop ideas into programs and make sure the infrastructure was in place so everything could come together,” said Tadgerson.

In his new position, he will oversee the activities of departments such as heating and cooling, maintenance, construction, water and sewer, and parks and recreation. The job consolidates those five departments into one, now dubbed “public works” and improves efficiency.

Tadgerson said one of his main goals is to streamline the activities of the departments and make sure nothing is overlapping. He is currently working on building maintenance plans for the tribal infrastructure, which includes working to allocate resources to buildings in an efficient manner. Tadgerson is also focusing on combining training opportunities for the departments in order to save money, coming up with a more concrete work order system to make sure jobs are completed as needed, and organizing senior projects so that “no one falls through the cracks.” Departments will be working on assisting elders



as time permits and communication efforts about the projects will be improved.

Tadgerson will work closely with Bay Mills Executive Council on projects to improve tribal infrastructure.

Public works is already in the process of moving the salt and sand sheds as well as dumpsters down to Plantation Road. This will be home to a new building complex that will house several departments and make way for new developments in their place on Lakeshore Drive. Funds were acquired to construct a new building through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“As part of the ongoing process of a slow, steady, and structured reorganization within our tribe, consolidating several departments into one was deemed a high priority and an area of potential huge savings in costs to the tribe, while improving performance and services for our membership. Relocating departments to the new complex will make way for future community-based developments in the heart of Bay Mills,” said Bay Mills

Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “This should reduce the daily operating costs and provide more efficient administrative oversight for the entire department. All five of these departments have an excellent, highly skilled and motivated staff, and Aaron’s oversight will be to help them do their job.”

Though only on the job a few weeks, Tadgerson’s experience has been a positive one.

“It was a big change for these guys. But change is inevitable. They are a hard working group of people,” he said.

Tadgerson has been active in

the local community for several years. An avid hunter and fisherman, he also coached several sports, including as a boxing instructor with the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills. He served a four-year stint in the Marine Corps and holds a bachelor’s degree from Lake Superior State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Northern Michigan University. Tadgerson resides in Brimley with his wife Teresa. He has two grown sons, Kyle and Cole, both of which are going to school and working with the U.S. Forest Service.

## U.P. college presidents say more Michigan residents need training beyond high school

SAULT STE. MARIE – While funding for colleges and universities is cut in Michigan, other states around the country are finding ways to invest in their institutions of higher learning, leaving Michigan behind the pack when it comes to percentage of residents who have college degrees.

Meanwhile, studies continue to show that education after high school benefits communities, society at large, and the students themselves. A coalition of community colleges and universities in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula — the Council of Presidents - U.P. Community Colleges and Universities — is seeking to make sure the public is informed of the true value of trade school or college education beyond high school.

“Not only do the majority of college graduates have a job within six months of graduation, but during their lifetimes they will earn more than their co-workers who did not complete some sort of college coursework or trade school training following high school graduation,” said Tony McLain, president of Lake Superior State University and part of the U.P. coalition.

Nationally, just under 40 percent of the population has a college degree. It has been at that figure for many years, but until recently the United States has led the world in the proportion of college degrees in its population. Today, the U.S. has slipped to 15th in the proportion of 24 to 34 year olds who have obtained associate’s or bachelor’s degrees, according to Jamie P. Merisotis, president and CEO of the Lumina Foundation, an independent foundation that is committed to enrolling and graduating more students in college.

In a speech to the Southern Growth Policies Board in Chattanooga, Tenn., recently, Merisotis said Lumina seeks to increase the number of U.S. college graduates to 60 percent of the population by 2025. This will still fall

short of what the Upjohn Institute says will be needed. According to the institute’s forecast, 64 percent of the nation’s workforce will require an associate’s degree or higher by 2025.

“Now, and certainly in years to come, workers without college-level learning simply won’t have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed,” Merisotis said, noting that the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce has estimated that by as early as 2018, more than 50 percent of all of the jobs will require some form of postsecondary education or training.

Merisotis said that college graduates are doing better than those without degrees even during these recent years of high unemployment.

“The unemployment rates for those with college degrees are considerably lower than for those without postsecondary credentials,” he said. “According to data from late 2011, national unemployment rates for 18 to 24 year olds (not enrolled in school) are about 8.9 percent for BA recipients and 11.9 percent for AA holders, compared to a whopping 22.9 percent for those with only a high school credential.”

He also noted that individuals with a bachelor’s degree make an average of 84 percent more over their lifetimes than those with just a high school diploma.

The university and community college presidents in the U.P. are working together to ensure more students complete credentials through an agreement signed by all the presidents. It encourages students to reverse transfer credits back to community colleges so students will receive their associate’s degree and, through articulation agreements that ensure all community college courses will transfer to universities, students can complete bachelor’s degrees in a timely way.

According to the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan, more parents in the state

are recognizing the need for their children to have access to higher education. In a recent statewide survey, 76 percent of Michigan parents said they believed their children should attend college, and 78 percent of them said they believed that those with a college education are usually better off than those without one.

Between 2000 and 2009, Michigan colleges and universities, including those in the U.P., have increased the number of students annually receiving bachelor’s degrees by about 19 percent in spite of a 32 percent reduction in per-student state support, adjusted for inflation. Community colleges across the state have increased the number of students annually receiving associate’s degrees by 81 percent and certificates by 100 percent despite a 52 percent reduction in per-student state support adjusted for inflation.

The Council of Presidents - U.P. Community Colleges and Universities, is a group made up of six colleges in the U.P., including LSSU, Bay College in Escanaba, Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Michigan Technological University in Houghton and Finlandia University in Hancock.

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# St. Francis Xavier Parish celebrates 125th anniversary

By Alison Walker  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY— On Aug. 12, St. Francis Xavier Parish celebrated its 125-year anniversary. The event began at 2 p.m. with a mass being held by Bishop Alexander Sample of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette. After the service a dinner was held at the Brimley High School Cafeteria to remember the parishioners of past and present and to honor special members of the church. The event gave them time to observe their memories of the parish, many of them noting it was an honor to meet Sample.

Father Augustine Jacob was delighted with how the event turned out.

“The people are united now...saying this is our church!” he exclaimed. He said the event made people think because they were remembering their families and how the past relates to the present. The celebration was good for the people involved in the parish and their spiritually, he added.

Records indicate St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish existed as early as 1887, with masses being held at private homes in the area. The first church was built under the direction of Fr. John F. Chambon, S.J. Fr. Chambon was one of several Jesuits stationed in Sault Ste. Marie, under the leadership of Bishop Frederick Baraga.

Throughout the years the parish has seen happiness and sorrow. Its first recorded marriage was on Oct. 25, 1909 between Joseph Lamorey and Mary Wells. The first recorded death was Jan. 5, 1927. The first recorded baptism was of Joseph Perrier, son of Adolph and Rosanna Perrier, on Aug. 1, 1909. In April 1926, both the church and the rectory were destroyed in a rogue grass fire.

The present church we see today was built and dedicated in 1929. In 1989, starting under Fr. Robert Paruleski, parishioners began raising money by making and selling pasties, a tradition which continues with monthly pasty-making bees where volunteers make up to 600 pasties at a time.

Since 1929, the parish has been working hard to bring the church back to its former glory and making other improvements along the way. The latest round of renovations was completed in 2005, with 18 projects ranging from new landscaping to refurbish pews.

The cost of \$230,000 was a major undertaking for a parish with only 22 contributing members. Other contributions also came from summer visitors, former members, and a grant from the Catholic Extension Society. The late Sheila Hietikko, head of the building committee, spoke of the improvements in an interview with the U.P. Catholic — “It taught us that you can do it if you really want to.”



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It was a busy summer for the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills. The club planned many field trips including Project Playground, movies, Mystery Spot and Putt-Putting. Boys & Girls Club also cooperated with Bay Mills Community College, the Department of Defense, Lake Superior State University, Bay Mills Biology and Conservation Department to put on the 2nd Annual Science Camp. It was a success again and all the kids had fun documenting their experience. They concluded their summer with the 4th Annual World Cup, which Italy took the title for. Included in this year's event was the World Cup Food Challenge Day. Youth Adventure Camp took a trip to Chicago where participants rode on a speed boat and took a dinner cruise. The club would like to thank Rochelle Menominee, Kimmi Walden, Bob Cameron and Josh Floyd for volunteering to chaperone with the trip.



## U.S., Canada sign Great Lakes water quality pact

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — The U.S. and Canada renewed a 40-year-old Great Lakes environmental pact Sept. 7, pledging stepped-up efforts to reduce pollution, cleanse contaminated sites and prevent exotic species invasions.

The updated Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement binds both nations to continue a cleanup and restoration initiative begun when the freshwater seas were a symbol of ecological decay. Many of their beaches were littered with foul algae blooms and dead fish. The Cuyahoga River, which flows into Lake Erie in Cleveland, was so choked with oil and chemicals that flames erupted on its surface in 1969.

The pact calls for further action on problems that inspired the original agreement three years after the embarrassing river fire and a second version in 1987. It pledges to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity" of the five lakes and the portion of the St. Lawrence River on the U.S.-Canadian border.

It sets targets for reducing nutrients that cause foul algae blooms and recommends further cleanup of harbors contaminated with toxic chemicals.

"This agreement is more than just a commitment to each other," Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson said before signing the document with Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent at the Canadian embassy in Washington, D.C.

The new version includes new sections on challenges that have emerged more recently: climate change, loss of wildlife habitat and a wave of invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels and Asian carp. It also calls for the region's governments to identify potential threats so they can be dealt with before developing into big problems.

The agreement's success will depend on whether state and federal governments carry it out by enacting and enforcing strong laws and providing money, environmental activists said.

"Today we applaud," said John Jackson, director of an advocacy group called Great Lakes United. "Tomorrow we get to work."

President Barack Obama's administration has spent more than \$1 billion on a Great Lakes restoration program and has requested \$300 million for the current fiscal year. But Canada is eliminating hundreds of government scientist positions, and proposals have been made in both countries to weaken clean water laws, said John Jackson, who is not related to Lisa Jackson.

Kent said Canada's federal government would uphold its obligations under the agreement and had begun negotiations with the province of Ontario about carrying out the deal over the next five years.

Along with the federal Clean Water Act, the 1972 agreement was credited with leading governments in the region to ban phosphate detergents, which led to a significant drop-off in algae blooms. But the problem has worsened on Lake Erie and portions of Lake Michigan in recent years, a problem some scientists blame on runoff from farms and cities.

The new agreement requires governments to set phosphorus reduction targets within three years and action plans within five years.

It also sets a two-year deadline for putting together a system for early detection of new invasive species and rapid action to limit their spread.

But it imposes no timelines for finishing cleanup of the region's 43 most heavily polluted areas designated under the 1987 update. The toxic hot spots have problems such as fish with tumors, foul drinking water and beaches unfit for swimming.

Work has been completed on just four — three in Canada and the Oswego River and Harbor in New York — although EPA officials said several others are nearly finished.

U.S. Sens. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, and Mark Kirk, an Illinois Republican, praised the agreement as co-chairmen of the Senate's Great Lakes Task Force.

"With its emphasis on prevention of environmental damage, the agreement reflects a more cost-effective use of resources, as preventing damage is generally less costly than cleaning up ruined ecosystems," Levin said.

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Dr. Brian Matthews and Asia Frayne

# Great Lakes Optometry displays new line at Sept. Ray-Ban Show

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Patients at Great Lakes Optometry first laid eyes on Dr. Brian Matthews in January 2010, when he joined Dr. Dale Johnson in his practice on West Spruce Street, located across from War Memorial Hospital.

In July 2011, Matthews took over the practice, with Johnson retiring but staying on part-time and concentrating on vision therapy, especially for children. As part of his efforts to continually advance the business and in response to patients' requests, Matthews has now added a new line of eyeglasses — the famous Ray-Ban brand.

To celebrate the increased selection for his patients, Matthews and his staff are holding a special Ray-Ban Show on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 1 to 7 p.m. A Ray-Ban representative will be on hand with all types of glasses and sunglasses. Great Lakes Optometry will be the only place in the Eastern Upper Peninsula carrying the brand made legendary in Hollywood.

The show will have a movie theme with a TV playing family movies in which characters wore Ray-Bans. Stop by to see such hits as Men In Black, Top Gun, The Blues Brothers and Breakfast at Tiffany's. Also offered are great discounts,

snacks and raffles and the chance to win a free pair of Ray-Bans.

The business will continue to offer their huge selection of other brands, as well, such as Banana Republic, Carrera, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade and Vera Wang.

Patients will also experience a continuity of care with longtime certified optician Asia Frayne staying on to assist patients in the care and selection of their eyeglasses. Newly hired receptionist Lexi Zenner rounds out the staff.

While optician Frayne dispenses, adjusts and repairs eyeglasses, as an optometrist, Matthews concentrates on eye health. He is a primary care doctor diagnosing and treating glaucoma, especially in diabetics. He performs retinal photography, treats macular degeneration and dry eye, and conducts eye tests and prescribes corrective eyeglasses and contact lens, including specialty fits for contact lenses.

Matthews earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from Ferris University, the only optometry school in Michigan. He was born in Milford, near Detroit, graduated from the local high school and earned a bachelor's degree at University of Michigan in Spanish while concurrently completing his pre-med requirements.

He was working in a downstate optometrist office when he met Johnson while attending the annual

Michigan Optometric Association meeting in Lansing. Johnson was already considering retiring and looking for someone to take over his practice.

Matthews' fiancée at the time, now his wife, is also an optometrist and attended the Lansing meeting as well. Being from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, she struck up a conversation with Johnson as a fellow Sault-area doctor. Johnson offered a position to Matthews and the new partnership was formed with Matthews moving to the Sault shortly afterward.

Although the business logo is new and a new line of eyeglasses is being offered, Matthews said the business will continue at its current location and with the same goal — to provide the eyeglass styles that people want while keeping them affordable. He offers package pricing of frames and lens together as a way of keeping prices lower. The business accepts most insurances, including the Blue Cross Blue Shield program offered through Bay Mills Indian Community.

In an effort to be more available to patients, Great Lakes Optometry has extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Patients can usually make an appointment within a week by calling 906-635-9600 and Matthews is available for emergency urgent care.

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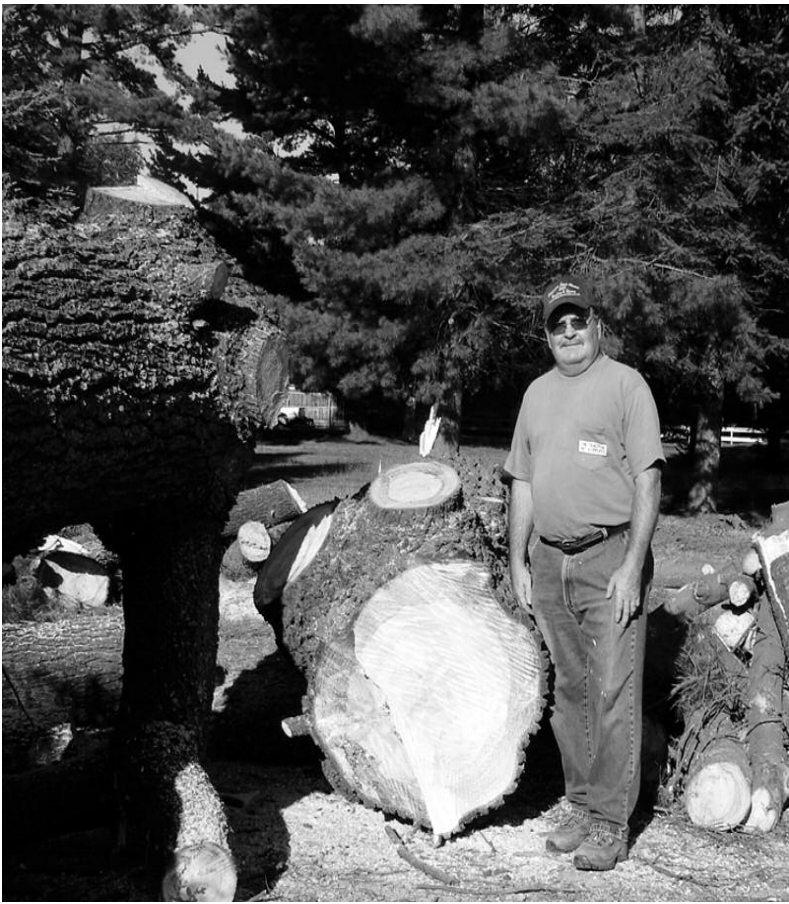
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HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN — Above, Pauline Rice-Goetz offers a prayer at a small ceremony held Aug. 27 to honor the life of an historic tree, felled Aug. 29 to make place for an emergency services building. Right, Bay Mills Township employee Jack Dean stands next to the remnants. SHARMYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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# Lifestyle



A Healthy Harvest meal was held on Aug. 30 at a lunch for elders at Armella Parker Senior Center with diabetic seniors bingo following. REACH and Bay Mills Community Health staff hosted the meal with assistance from local youth. Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club members who participated in other REACH programs this summer were invited to come help out. Pictured above are Jenna Ferguson, Joseph Shaw and Mason Cameron, in the background are Braden Cameron with Jillian LeBlanc of the Community Health staff.

## Fire marshal urges fire safety for college students

Data shows that the university student population is at high risk to fire loss and injury, according to the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services, that today, urges students living on- and off-campus to be aware of fire risks and know the preventative measures that could save their lives.

“As college students across Michigan return to their studies, now is the best time to step up our efforts to guard against the danger of fire in dormitories and in off-campus housing,” said State Fire Marshal Richard Miller. “With new-found independence living away from home for the first time, students may think they are invincible. With fire, they need to realize they are not.”

According to the U.S. Fire Administration: September and October are the worst months for fire-related emergencies and fatal campus-related fires (23 percent); an estimated 3,800 university housing fires occur each year in the U.S.; and 83 percent of university housing fires are cooking fires. Common factors in deadly campus fires include lack of fire sprinkler systems; missing or disabled smoke alarms; careless smoking; unattended candles; overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords, and the misuse of alcohol, which impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts.

Having a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector can save your life. Make sure that your smoke or carbon monoxide detector are working properly and have fresh batteries. Never remove batteries or disable the alarm, and test all smoke alarms monthly.

Here are more important fire safety tips:

**Candles**

Avoid using lighted candles. Instead, use battery-operated, flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

Never leave a candle unattended. Extinguish the candle before you leave the room or go to sleep.

A candle is an open flame; keep the candle away from papers, draperies and linens.

Always use a flashlight —not a candle — for emergency lighting.

Use sturdy, safe candleholders that protect the flame from contact with combustible materials.

**Cooking**

Follow school rules on in-house cooking and never leave cooking area (stovetop, burners, oven) unattended.

Keep your cooking area clean and uncluttered.

Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an

outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

Keep a working fire extinguisher nearby the cooking area and make sure you know how to use it.

**Smoking**

Don’t allow smoking inside your dorm room or apartment and NEVER smoke in bed. If you smoke, smoke outside in a designated area.

Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can.

After a party, check for smoldering cigarette butts, especially under cushions. Chairs and sofas catch fire fast and burn fast.

**Electrical and Appliance Safety**

Check your school’s rules before using electrical appliances in your dormitory room.

Don’t use stoves and microwaves to help heat a cold dorm room or apartment.

Select appliances with automatic shut-off switches.

Don’t overload outlets; don’t use a series of adaptors to connect numerous machines or devices to an electrical outlet that may result in an overload, power outage, spark or fire.

Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.

**Escape Planning**

Identify all emergency exits on your floor; know and practice an escape plan that includes two ways out of every room.

Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.

Smoke is toxic. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to exit.

If you’re trapped, call 9-1-1 and tell them where you are. Seal your doors with rags and signal from your window.



The first step in any nutrition or fitness plan is to make sure you are healthy enough to begin your new plan. Anyone starting a new diet or fitness regimen should check with a physician first.

Next you should define your goals. What is it you are hoping to accomplish? Weight loss? Better nutrition? Overall fitness? A key point to remember is to start small. Think of a child who is learning how to ride a bike — they cannot

just hop on and expect to learn right away. They must first use training wheels. When deciding your goals for your plan, you should consider both long term and short-term goals. Since you are starting small, I would recommend having your short-term goal last for a week and your long-term goal last for a month.

Remember, these changes you are starting to make should be a lifestyle change in order to see and continue to see results. When designing your new fitness plan it is important to remember the things you enjoy. If you like dancing, try Zumba; if you want an intense cardio and strength training workout, try functional training. Most importantly, don’t make working out a chore, switch up your routine if you start to get bored. Remember, there are thousands of different activities that you can choose from — the more you enjoy the activity you plan to do, the more successful you will be!

After the first week or two, you should begin to see or feel changes. Focus on all of the good things you have done, never dwell on a missed gym date, or one bad meal choice. Just keep moving forward. Remember, a weight change of one or two pounds could just be water weight, so always stay hydrated. If you are thirsty, you are already 1 percent dehydrated. One of the most important things you should remember while designing and pursuing your new health and fitness plan is to be patient and have fun. Good luck and feel free to send any questions or suggestions for future articles to aleywalker@yahoo.com.

Alison Walker is a student at Bay Mills Community College studying health and fitness. She also works at Mukwa Fitness Center.



**SING IT! — Bay Mills tribal member Caitlin Wanic took part in the festivities of the inaugural Sault Riverview Music Festival on Sept 8 on the grounds of city hall. The event brought together local musicians to showcase their talent to community members over two days. The festival was well received by locals and according to event organizers next year will be a much larger venue.**

SHANNON JONES/  
BAY MILLS NEWS

## Changes in works for federally-funded unemployment benefits

LANSING — As Michigan's federally funded benefits near cessation at the end of this year, federal law mandates an adjustment to the maximum benefit amounts for specific tiers of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program.

Under federal legislation passed earlier this year, the maximum number of weeks available to collect benefits on EUC Tiers 1 and 3 will be lowered. Beginning the week of Sept. 9, the maximum number of weeks available for new EUC Tier 1 claims will be reduced from 20 weeks to 14 weeks. Additionally, the maximum number of weeks available for new EUC Tier 3 claims will change from 13 weeks to 9 weeks. The maximum number of weeks available for Tier 2 benefits remains unchanged at 14 weeks and is not affected by this reduction.

With this adjustment, the maximum number of combined weeks available for Michigan's regular unemployment and EUC will be reduced from a maximum of 73 weeks to a maximum of 63 weeks.

However, the last payable week for any EUC claim will be week ending Dec. 29, 2012, regardless of any remaining weeks left on any EUC claim.

The UIA is communicating this information to claimants affected by this change. Additionally, the UIA continues to partner with Michigan Works! Service Centers to offer valuable re-employment, training, and educational opportunities and to provide information to claimants regarding available state resource programs and other supportive services that may be available.

For additional information regarding changes to the EUC program, claimants may contact the UIA in the following ways:

Call the UIA Customer Service Line at 1-866-500-0017 to speak with an agent. Agents will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday. TTY customers should call 1-866-366-0004.

Visit the UIA website at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) to review EUC program updates or to submit an inquiry to the Agency's Virtual Problem Resolution (ViPR) agents who are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST.

Visit a local UIA Problem Resolution Office

(PRO) to speak with an agent in person. PRO offices are located in 14 locations across the state. Please visit the UIA website at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) to view PRO locations and hours of operation.

Call the Agency's EUC hotline, 1-800-638-3995, for pre-recorded updates about the EUC program.

Due to continued high call volumes, the Agency recommends customers interact with its ViPR agents through an online claim web account. To register for an online claim web account, visit [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) and select "UIA Online Services for Unemployed Workers." Users will be taken to a login page where they can register and create their online account with the Agency.

Those who have exhausted unemployment benefits can find additional resources for health care, family support, housing, and more, by visiting <http://www.michigan.gov/helpinghand>.

Unemployed workers should also visit Pure Michigan Talent Connect at <http://www.mitalent.org> to obtain information regarding job and training opportunities.

### 2012 Presidential Debate Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 9 to 10:30 p.m.. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Domestic policy. Location: University of Denver in Denver, Colo. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Jim Lehrer, host of *Newshour* on PBS.

Thursday, October 11, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: Vice President Joe Biden and Congressman Paul Ryan. Topic: Foreign and domestic policy. Location: Centre College in Danville, Ky. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator is Martha Raddatz, ABSNews Chief Foreign Correspondent.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Town meeting format on foreign and domestic policy. Location: Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Candy Crowley, CNN Chief Political Correspondent.

Monday, Oct. 22, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Foreign policy. Location: Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Bob Schieffer, host of *Face The Nation* on CBS.

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# Addiction Services available in the Eastern U.P.

Treatment programs for addiction are available in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, and it is important to know that no single approach is effective for all individuals. A qualified assessment will help to determine whether a residential treatment program or out-patient program is indicated, as well as the options for group or individual counseling. Family and friends can play an important role in encouraging people with drug and alcohol additions to enter treatment.

Great Lakes Recovery Centers has a strong presence in the Eastern Upper Peninsula with residential programs in Sault Ste. Marie for men and women, including their dependent children. They also offer substance abuse outpatient services in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and St. Ignace. Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC) are licensed and accredited, providing clients with a personalized recovery plan and a variety of services designed to support them during treatment and after. Residential treatment programs range from 30 to 120 days; roughly half of the men at GLRS's New Hope House are from the EUP, while over a third of the admissions to the Women's New Hope House are local. The facilities draw many referrals from outside the region. The outpatient services frequently utilize group counseling with weekly sessions over six to twelve weeks, although intensive treatment programs may be more often or one-to-one with a skilled clinician.

A youth residential treatment facility is operated in Marquette by GLRC for young people between the ages of 12 and 17. Weber and Devers Psychological Services is another licensed provider of outpatient addiction services. This organization has offices in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and St. Ignace. They offer formal assessments and substance abuse counseling.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. has been awarded a multi-year Access to Recovery grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). They implement the program through partnerships with 12 collaborating tribes, including the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Bay Mills Indian Community. Access to Recovery services are available to eligible adults and adolescents who are enrolled members of the federally recognized tribes in Michigan, members of other tribes, and non-Native family members and descendants. The program will reimburse a full array of treatment and recovery support services in a culturally competent and respectful manner.

Some individuals require medical detox care prior to entering a substance abuse treatment program. War Memorial Hospital has a partnership with GLRC to provide medical clearance for patients prior to their admission into residential detox. A person in withdrawal can benefit greatly with this oversight and management.

Local treatment centers will provide an initial assessment of a person's needs and help determine if insurance coverage, Medicaid or other options are available to fund their services. In addition to residential services or scheduled outpatient treatment programs, many clients can benefit from ongoing relapse-prevention services and 12-step support groups that are accessible throughout the EUP.

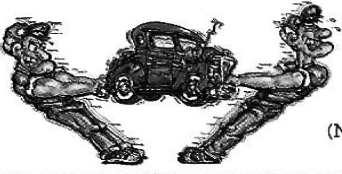
Self-help groups exist to connect addicted individuals with others who are trying to recover from a variety of addictions: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous. Family members who are trying to understand and cope with another's addictive behavior may find support through other self-help groups such as Alateen and Alanon.

Meetings of these groups are frequently listed in community calendars, or they can be obtained from most healthcare providers, churches and substance abuse treatment providers. Information about the AA program and fellowship can be found at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). For information about AA in the Eastern Upper Peninsula visit [www.eupaa.org](http://www.eupaa.org).

The important thing to know is that treatment works and there are a variety of services available. Family and friends can assist loved ones to find help. Skilled and caring professionals are dedicated to providing a safe, supportive environment with effective methods of helping those struggling with addictions to reclaim their lives. Asking for help and finding the right treatment options are the first steps.

A "Get Help Now" map is featured on the Michigan Department of Community Health at [www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas). Tribal members are invited to contact their respective health services to inquire about substance abuse treatment.

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LEARNING TRADITION — Bay Mills Indian Community's assistant cultural coordinator, Jesse Bowen, held a birch bark basket making workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Those who participated, approximately 20, learned the craft of making baskets and enjoyed a pot luck feast.

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# Breastfeeding Awareness Month celebrated by August 24 walk



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Above, workers at the Baby Breastaurant paused from their duties for a photo: Left to right are Joann LeBlanc, Healthy Start nurse and MIHP coordinator; Mary Schwiderson, MIHP nurse; Jillian LeBlanc, MIHP nurse; Candace Leapley, outreach worker; and Erica Carrick, support coordinator. To the right are two sisters who participated in the walk around the trail. Left to right, Ashley Lothrop and Tara Tremblay with Owen Tremblay riding in style.

Joan LeBlanc stressed the importance of breastfeeding. “How important is breastfeeding? Breastfeeding is good medicine and is as natural as a flowing river. That is the way the Creator made your body. Your baby is an extension of your body and breast milk is the foundation of your baby. Healthy Start promotes breastfeeding as a very important part of their program.”

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# September is National Recovery Month

September is National Recovery Month and 2012 marks 23 years of engaging people in issues of substance abuse and dealing with the consequences.

Beginning in elementary school to “just say no,” the pressures of using drugs and alcohol have become a recurring presence for many.

Not only does it affect the individuals using or recovering, the choice for people to use can affect family, friends, coworkers and any others who have a spot in their lives.

But a group of people realized that the use of harmful substances was a very big problem and decided to act. In 1989, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration created a day to recognize the importance of prevention, treatment, awareness and recovery support services.

SAMHSA continues to work hard every year to better the lives of people suffering from and recover-

ing from substance abuse and mental health issues.

Transformation has become very prevalent in the lives of many people who were once burdened with the problem of using. Many communities have come together to help defeat the issue, both on a national and local level.

On a national level, SAMHSA National Hotline is available for people to call. On a local level, the Access to Recovery program or substance abuse counseling are available at Bay Mills Health Center, Weber and Dever’s, Journey to Healing, among a few options.

The road to recovery can be very difficult, but there are people on your side offering help and wishing for the best outcome.

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**MOVED BY THE WALL** — The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was displayed in Sault Ste. Marie last month. The exhibit was displayed on the city hall grounds and was open 24 hours for the weekend. Hundreds of local residents visited to pay their respects to those lost in the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the D.C. memorial, is taken to various cities and towns throughout the country providing Americans with an opportunity to pay homage to the more than 58,000 Vietnam Veterans who gave their lives for their country.

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**REMEMBERING 9/11** — Lawrence Clor, a member of Bay Mills Indian Community has painted a tribute to the first responders of 9/11, Flight 93, the Vietnam Wall and the military serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, titled, “We Will Never Forget.” This painting and others Clor has created have been displayed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, at the United Nations in New York City and the American Indian Museum in Washington D.C. For more information, call 906-635-0335.



**CRAZY QUILT** — Every year the Community Quilters create an original large quilt for the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society to raffle as a fundraiser in October. This year an unfinished quilt top donated by Marilyn Carter was chosen to begin this gift. Diana Baragawanath skillfully matched the fabrics and finished the top to measure 65" x 65". Then every stitchline was hand embroidered with multi-coloured stitches of every design by Dotty LeMay. The all cotton fabric is in all the colours of fall and is so named "Crazy for Autumn." It was entered into the Chippewa county fair and was awarded first place in the embroidered quilt category, winning a blue ribbon. This quilt can be seen at the Wheels of History Museum in Brimley. Tickets are still available for you to have this for your own.

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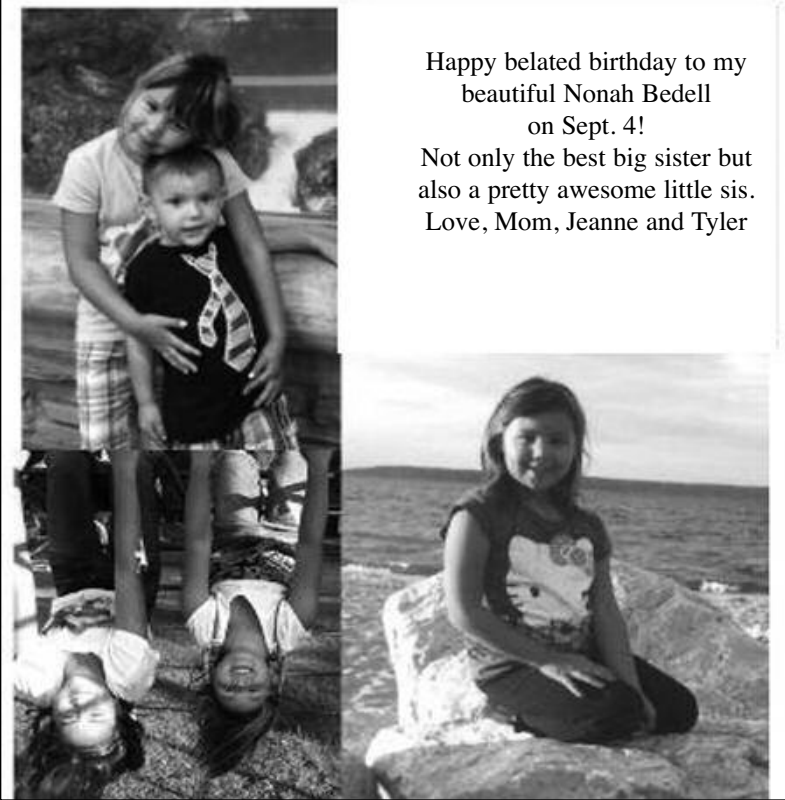
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# NAMES & FACES ...



Happy belated birthday to my beautiful Nonah Bedell on Sept. 4!  
Not only the best big sister but also a pretty awesome little sis.  
Love, Mom, Jeanne and Tyler



Proud parents, Adam Murphy and Jessica Noyce, would like to introduce Austin Michael Murphy. He was welcomed into our world July 17, 2012. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 ¾ inches long. Grandparents are Chrissy Noyce of Brimley, Mich. and Debra Murphy of Bay Mills, Mich.



Justin Carrick, age 8, was the points champion in the 50 Sr class at the TMC motocross track in Newberry, Mich. Congratulations, Justin. We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Kendra and Brooke



Congratulations to Robin Bedell, aka the G-Pa, for receiving his MNMCM – Masters in Network and Communication Management – from Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University on June 2012, with distinction.  
We are proud of you!  
Love, Jeanne Ann, Nonah and Ty Tot



Happy belated birthday to our Granty Holly on Sept. 6! We hope you had a great day! Love, Jeanne Ann, Nonah and Ty Tot

## Apologies to the community ...

Dear Evans family:  
I'm truly sorry for breaking into your house and being disrespectful. It will never happen again. I know what I did was wrong. I should have thought of the consequences before I did the actions. I'm so sorry once again.  
Lucy Teeple

community members of Bay Mills:  
I would like to extend my apologies to everyone that my actions may have affected. Rumors flew around where I was acting out and yes, some of what you have heard is true and that is what I am saying I am sorry for. Not all what you heard is true but I did do wrong and I did take part in things that I would not want done to my stuff or my

family's things. I've had time to think over my actions and if I could redo my mistakes, as I'm sure a lot of us would love to do, I for one would. I'm still dealing for my actions and they will follow me for a lifetime and I want to show you — my family, my friends and community members — that I can do better in the choices that I make.  
Jacob Daigle.

## Thanks to the community ...

From the bottom of our hearts a most sincere "Thank You" to everyone who attended and those who were there in spirit at the Brimley VFW Hall for the Terry Deuman Hamburger Bash. From the onset of planning through the clean up, it was the most overwhelming show of love anyone could imagine. We are so humbled by our wonderful outstretched community of family and friends for their generosity. A very special "thank you" to Graham Trucking, Four Seasons, Bay Mills Resort & Casinos and the Cozy Inn for the food, beverages and dinnerware. And to all the people who brought delicious casseroles, salads and desserts, along with the kitchen ladies, grilling guys, ticket seller, hostesses at the door, the cute young girls serving trays of cookies, and those who left their donations and went elsewhere due to overfilled capacity.

Please forgive us for not personalizing for fear of

forgetting someone. The following morning there was a Facebook post about the benefit and how proud this person was of our small town America. We couldn't have said it better ourselves. May God bless you all most kindly and accept our wide open arms of love and gratitude.

Most sincerely, The Terry Deuman Family

Thank you to all the golfers that withstood the rain for our golf scramble/fund raiser; to those that paid for the scramble but couldn't make it; to Willabee's Restaurant for their prize donation; to Matt Phipps at Lake Tansi Golf Course for his prize donation; to Bay Mills Executive Council for the raffle license; and to Rob Lussenhop and staff at Wild Bluff Golf Course for making this a success.

Bev Carrick, Autumn and Victoria Aikens

## Thanks from Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

Phyllis Perkins Meir Taylor had two reasons to celebrate on Sept. 1 — as Chairperson for the Interior Completion of the Brimley Depot, she celebrated its open house by dishing out ice cream toppings while also marking her 88th birthday.

As a fundraiser, the Brimley Bay Mills Historical Society hosted an old-fashioned ice cream social on Sept. 1, which featured music by locals, Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway.

Phyllis joined the Society in 1997, serving as a docent in the Train Museum and working on many fundraising projects for the depot replica.

She was born in Shepherd and moved to Mount Pleasant in 1942, where she graduated from Central Michigan university. She married Ivan Meir that same year after meeting him at a square dance, and the couple had two children. He was killed in a car/train accident in 1947.

She married a longtime friend in 1948, Bill Taylor, a veteran of WWII. After 62 years of marriage, Bill died in 2010. They raised five nieces and nephews after the death of their parents, and had 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Phyllis had visited the Upper Peninsula since the 1940s when her father and some hunting buddies bought 40 acres on Goldade Road.

One of these friends later told Phyllis about a house for sale on River Road, which she and her husband purchased in the 1960s. They came up on weekends until finally moving into the house full time in 1982, spending summers in Brimley and wintering in Perdido Beach, Ala.

The Taylors had always been active volunteers both in Michigan and Alabama. They also enjoyed fishing, golf, bowling and Phyllis does needlework as well. She worked on a traveling quilt in which everyone did a square about history. The quilt ended up in England.

Phyllis continues to bowl on a league twice a week. Her love of bowling and the winnings from it added several donations to the Train Museum, including two

plaques naming life members and charter members that hangs in the train.

She also does a lot of charity work and is excited about preserving history. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society thanks her for all the work she does and her many contributions.



## Thanks from Lighthouse Committee

In the summer of 1917, the Elmer Byrnes family was living at Point Iroquois Lighthouse. A shortage of food led to the keepers and assistants cultivating as much land as possible for vegetable gardens. All employees of the Lighthouse Service were encouraged to grow their own garden. Some of the vegetables they grew were beets, rutabagas, turnips and potatoes. They also raised chickens for eggs, pigs for meat and a Jersey cow for milk.

In the summer of 2012, Maryann Taylor, a volunteer at Point Iroquois Lighthouse, created a beautiful vegetable garden on the grounds. She is now beginning to harvest tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and many varieties of beans. The corn is not cooperating this year.

We are very grateful to have Maryann with us at the lighthouse. She is always there when needed and will step in for any task at the bookshop or garden. We are very lucky to have her.  
Point Iroquois Lighthouse Committee



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# Healthy Homes conference held at Inter-Tribal Council

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — About 20 people spent their lunch hour on Aug. 28, learning how to create healthier homes. The mini conference was hosted by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and held at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians’ Health Center. Guest presenter was Sam Flanery, president of the Sparta-based Building Science Academy.

Also speaking were two ITC employees: Environmental Specialist Chris Kushman and Environmental Technician Sheri Laaksonen. Flanery pointed out that energy efficiency and healthy homes are tied together. He recommended that, for the best results for tribes, housing and environmental departments work closely together. Although people consider their homes a safe haven, the air inside houses is often worse than the air

outside, Flanery said. Studies show that 500 people a year die of carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes and asthma has become the third leading cause of hospitalization in the U.S. He outlined seven steps to keep a home healthy: keep it dry, clean, safe, well ventilated, pest-free, contaminant-free and well maintained. “Healthy homes are safe homes and energy efficiency is a result,” he said. Problems to pursue are dust and allergies, moisture, asbestos, lead paint, and bug infestation. In assessing a home, he recommends checking the airflow of the building to identify leaks and the combustion of the furnace. Flanery has found many undetected gas leaks in the houses he checks. To create healthy ventilation, the furnace should be operating ideally about 80 percent of the time. “The exchange of air needs to be turned over constantly and the furnace needs to run long

enough to condition the air properly,” he explained. Kushman then briefly discussed how better weatherization methods can improve the health of a house by preventing air leakage. An air barrier stops leakage, saves energy, controls pollutants and helps avoid vermin and moisture problems, he said. He recommended blower door testing, which provides “absolute and repeatable leakage measurements,” said Kushman. “This is the ideal starting point for weatherization as it locates air leaks and measures how much ventilation the house provides. Is there enough to support the occupants, or is the air stagnant, or is carbon monoxide present?” Currently blower door testing is not available in the area, but Jeff Holt, resource specialist for Sault Tribe’s planning and development division, said the tribe has applied for a grant from the Department of Energy to purchase infra-red and

blow door testing equipment. “We hope to be able to start this next spring,” he said. “Working through the environmental department and housing, we hope to be able to develop a program for all tribal members and employees. Our goal is that anyone who wants the evaluation can get it, and we can train our people to provide the tests, making more jobs available.” That plan would be agreeable to Flanery, as he believes that tribes should be leading the nation in making healthier homes. “Tribes should be leaders of environmental concerns,” he said. Laaksonen finished up the hour-long presentation by pointing out the many hazards in homes and steps that people can take to prevent tragedies. She presented a gift bag to all participants that included toxic-free cleaning products, a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, lead surface test and a childproofing kit.

Attention Bay Mills tribal members:

A regularly scheduled General Tribal Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Horizons Conference Center. All tribal members are encouraged to attend as a quorum is needed to conduct business.





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By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has continued to set his sights on cuts in education, this time taking aim at teacher pensions in hopes of curtailing the retirement systems unfunded liabilities. “Resolving this tremendous debt and financial burden helps our schools, our children, the taxpayers of Michigan and ultimately our school employees by ensuring their retirement benefits are funded,” Snyder said. “I appreciate all the hard work by the Legislature to get this done.” On Sept. 4 Snyder signed a bill that eliminates state-provided health coverage in retirement for new hires. Employees hired after Sept. 4 will no longer receive health coverage in retirement. Instead they will be placed in a 401(k) plan that includes an employer match of 2 percent. When their employment ends they will receive a lump sum deposit. The bill also requires current public school employees to pay more for their health care. Current employees will pay between 4 to 7 percent for their pension, depending upon their plan, and will continue to make a 3 percent contribution to the retirement system; this will be used to prefund the retirement system. Employees will have the option to opt out of the 3 percent contribution if they move into a 401(k) plan, which does have the matching 2 percent contribution. Retirees will also see their share of health insurance premiums jump from the current 10 percent to 20 percent if they are under the age of 64 as of Jan. 1, 2013. Those 65 and older will remain at the same 10 percent share. Snyder’s latest move didn’t receive a warm reception from the Michigan Education Association. “This legislation eliminates retiree health insurance for future school employees. Given the attacks on their rights, wages, benefits, and retirement security, why would the best and brightest students consider a career in education?” said MEA President Steven Cook. “And what does that mean for the future of public education in Michigan?” The bill also requires a financial impact cost study in regards to new hires to be completed by Nov. 15. The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Services provides the retirement services and benefits for 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. The system serves more than 440,000 members.

## Walking On

**Ken Fazzari**  
Kenneth James Fazzari (Stubborn Italian) died Aug. 22, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born Oct. 29, 1943 to Rosa (Sylvestro) Fazzari of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada and Michele Fazzari of Calabria, Italy. He was a lifelong resident of the Sault, graduating from Loretto Catholic High School in 1961. He attended Lake Superior State College for two years before transferring to Western Michigan University to earn a bachelor’s degree in biology. Ken was a longtime writer and editor-in-chief for The Evening News. After 33 years, his last article was published April 7, 2000, titled, “It was a long run, for the most part a good run.” He also had a short stint as owner of the bar, Belvedere Ship Lounge, and served in the National Guard for six years. He belonged to the Sports Writers Hall of Fame, Christopher Columbus Hall, U.P. Editors and the Laker Club and was a self-proclaimed sports aficionado. He loved deer hunting, fishing and camping and spent many evenings crabbing about the Lions, Tigers and Pistons. Ken is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Joy (Otis) Fazzari; three sons, Joe (Ruth) Fazzari, Tony (Carmen) Fazzari and Steven (Kelli) Fazzari; six sisters, Nancy Kelley, Antoinette (Jerry) Mancuso, Frances Hoholik, Anne Marie (Jim) Woodall, Carolyn (Joe) Howie and Rose Ann (Steve) Barner; a brother, Raymond (Dora) Fazzari; a cousin, Brian Short; an uncle, Frank Sylvestro; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents, his infant brother, Michael James, and his brothers-in-law, Kenneth Kelley and Michael Hoholik. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 25 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Hospice of the EUP. Gone Fishing. -30-

**Jean LaRue**  
Jean Lenore LaRue died Aug. 26, 2012 at the home of her daughter in Cheyenne, Wyo. after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease. She was born Oct. 26, 1926 in North Rudyard, Mich. to James and Essie Leazier. She grew up in Hulbert and worked for the J. Shepherd Manufacturing Company there, specializing in the manufacture of wooden bowls and handles. On July 27, 1947, she married Alton Charles LaRue. Jean worked as a motel maid for many years. She was a past member of TOPS, Royal Neighbors of America and the Ladies Auxiliary of Hulbert American Legion. She was famous for her chocolate chip cookies and was known as a wonderful cook, especially over the holidays. Every summer she took her children to pick berries and she always had a big garden and did a lot of canning. Her grandchildren were her passion and she spent hours playing games with them. In her later years, she did a lot of traveling with her daughter, including going to Disney World at age 78 and going down Splash Mountain, Runaway Train and the GM Race Track. Surviving Jean are her daughter, Jean Carol LaRue of Cheyenne, Wyo.; three sons, James (Darlene) LaRue of Clarkston and Blake (Jaimie) LaRue and Charles (Debbie) LaRue, both of Brimley; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Leah Sobczynski of Sault Ste. Marie and Ann (Andrew) DeWitt of Hulbert; and a brother, Brian (Mary) Leazier of Holland. She was predeceased by her husband; a son, Alton LaRue, Jr.; two grandsons, Charles LaRue Jr. and Craig LaRue; her parents; three sisters, Pearl Leazier, Reba Welty and Rhea Mercier; and five brothers, Herschel, Blake, James, Bruce and Brice Leazier. Funeral services were held Sept. 1 at the Hulbert American Legion Post with Pastor Josph Leazier officiating, and burial at Hulbert Township Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Hospice, 6000 Sycamore Road, Cheyenne WY 82009.



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# Announcements

### Adoption special

Chippewa County Animal Shelter is having an adoption special on cats until Oct. 31. Adopt a spayed/neutered cat for only \$5 and a kitten for only \$25. Those who adopt a kitten will receive a free spay/neuter surgery gift certificate. The shelter is located at 3660 S. Mackinac Trail.

### Flu clinics planned

Flu clinics are planned for Oct. 10 at Bay Mills Resort & Casinos (adults only) from 12 to 6 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Bay Mills Health Center. Cost is \$15 per person. The clinic is free to tribal members/employees, Medicare-B and Medicaid insured. Please wear short sleeves.

### GED program

The GED program at Bay Mills Community College will be holding classes Monday through Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call Mary Harris at 906-248-8445 for more information or stop in the BMCC library.

### Scavenger hunt planned

Show off your photography skills in this challenge Saturday, Oct. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mukwa Fitness Center. Buy an individual ticket for \$30 or \$45 for teams of two or three to help support the Mukwa Health and Fitness Center in funding the Obstacle Course Project. Photos will be judged at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 6, so be sure to bring a digital camera and extra batteries. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places. Please drink plenty of water and follow regular safety rules and regulations. Mukwa Center is not responsible for injuries that could take place during this event. Register at Mukwa Fitness Center by Wednesday, Oct. 3 in order to

receive a t-shirt. Registration prices will go up \$10 after Oct. 3. Contact Alison Walker at aleywalker@yahoo.com or John Krentz at 906-248-9009.

### Local Sierra Club hits #20

Three Lakes Group of Sierra Club is planning two October events to celebrate their 20th anniversary. A Harvest Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham, Sault Ste. Marie, featuring local food. Also featured is guest speaker, Natasha Lanz, community liaison for the Marquette Food Co-op, presenting “Mindful Eating: Eating Healthy for Ourselves and the Planet.” Entrance by donation, reservations must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 2. Contact Diane Meyer at 906-635-1003 or dhobmeyer@gmail.com.

Then, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bayliss Library in Sault Ste. Marie, the group will present a 30-minute film by Michigan documentary filmmaker, Chris Bedford. “Getting Real About Food and the Future” is designed to promote local and regional food in communities toward local food security. Betty Nolan of Building Healthy Communities Coalition will lead a discussion following the movie.

In addition, monthly fall programs for the Three Lakes Group of Sierra Club will be held at Bayliss Library in Sault Ste. Marie. Cookies and refreshments will be offered. On Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Derek Wright of Lake Superior State University will discuss climate change and its impacts in the Great Lakes region. The presentation will look at temperature and precipitation and the effects of changes and their potential impacts on regional biodiversity and Great Lakes hydrology.

### Quilt raffle nears

Tickets for the 2012 Quilt Raffle are still available at the Train Museum, downtown Brimley. Bay Mills Brimley Research Society is conducting the fundraising raffle and the Community Quilters group donated the quilt. The 63-inch by 64-inch “Crazy For Autumn” quilt, done in fall colors, is 100 percent machine-wash-and-dry cotton and was pieced by Marilyn Carter and hand embroidered by Doty LeMay. It is on display at the museum.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Sunday, Oct. 14.

### Seeking junkers

Bay Mills Fire Department is seeking old vehicles they can use for extrication training. Anyone with an old junker that they want to get rid of should call 906-437-5437 and fire department staff will come and haul it away. Donors can be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$300.

### Harvest Dinner

On Friday, Sept. 21 Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society will hold their 2012 Harvest Dinner as a fundraiser. The event will take place in the Brimley High School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 7 p.m. On the menu: Turkey, scalloped potatoes, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, salads and homemade desserts. Adults: \$8, children 5 to 10: \$4, and children 4 and under are free.

### Parent Committee meets

Brimley Area School’s Title VII Indian Education Program will hold its organizational meeting of the Parent Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 408. All parents and guardians of Native American students enrolled in Brimley Area Schools are invited

to attend and help plan exciting programs for the kids.

### Edmund Fitzgerald recalled

In a joint effort, Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bay Mills Indian Community are planning a fundraiser for the Point Lighthouse Committee to support their interpretive projects and programs offered to the public.

“In The Wake Of The Edmund Fitzgerald” will take place Saturday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at

Miigiizi Hall on Bay Mills Community College West Campus. Guest presenters are BMIC member L. John Lufkins, a heroic survivor of the great Nov. 10, 1975 storm, and Tom Farnquist, founder of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society.

The program will also feature a display of Edmund Fitzgerald artwork and photos, many of which have never before been presented to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.



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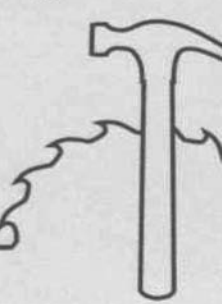
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## Hunting wolves likely to be legalized as bills pass legislature

Likelihood of court battle remains, as Humane Society files notice of intent to sue federal government

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

ST. IGNACE — The fate of Michigan’s wolf population will likely fall into the hands of the Natural Resource Commission, as both the House and Senate have passed legislation in favor of legalizing a wolf hunt.

The bill now must be reconciled between the House and Senate, which will then be sent to the governor’s desk for a signature to become law. Even if it becomes law, the NRC has the ultimate power to solidify or toss the decision, which is required to be based on sound research and evidence.

As part of the state’s wolf management plan, individuals representing conservation groups, hunters and animal rights advocates met on Dec. 5 for a wolf forum to discuss the issue.

“Today’s meeting is to get a baseline understanding of each organization’s concerns with a hunt,” said Adam Bump, DNR wildlife biologist.

One of the biggest concerns brought to the table was how to manage the wolf population and survey it without funding. According to Bump, the state is responsible for surveying the animal once every two years. But since the wolf was federally delisted, monies to survey were also lost.

Only one federal employee will be surveying, a job that entails massive amounts of tracking and data collection. And the future of the survey continues to remain in limbo as federal and state dollars continue to dwindle.

Funding is in place for the 2013 fieldwork and survey, but beyond that remains unknown. This means the state will not be able to comply with federal requirements of the delisting if they do not survey the wolf population as required in future years. The department is hoping to acquire monies under the farm bill.

Current population estimates indicate a presence of just under 700 wolves in the state. And despite concern that wolves are impacting the deer population, the 2012 hunting report negates that with positive results from hunters

across the state.

The majority of these wolves are in packs in the Western Upper Peninsula. While this area has seen high incidences of depredation, it’s important to note that one farm alone is the site of the majority of attacks for the last three years.

The cattle farm in Ontonagon County is in an isolated area without a home on the property. This makes the farmer’s situation unique, as he said he cannot use dogs on the farm because they would require someone to take care of them.

Gogebic County is having a hard time dealing with wolves as people continue to feed the deer. As the deer come into town, the wolves follow them. DNR is hoping to get ordinances passed to deter people, but has had limited success in Ironwood, where people continue to feed wildlife.

According to Brian Roell, DNR wildlife biologist, farmers who used tactics to keep the wolves at bay, such as fencing, donkeys and dogs, have reported no more attacks on their farms.

Federal funding was in place to match farmer’s efforts against depredation, but the grant has expired and was not fully utilized. To date, the grant has funded 18 farms with 25 donkeys and seven fencing projects.

Roell went on to emphasize there is no evidence that an increase in wolf numbers is related to deaths of dogs, either. The majority of dogs killed over the last decade were a result of hunting bear or rabbit, with many hunters running several dogs. The DNR has been providing educational opportunities to hunters that teaches them how to avoid loss of their hunting animals in the woods.

Those in attendance expressed concern about not having a current population estimate prior to making a wolf hunt legal. Hunting wolves could drive them to near extinction once again, as there is no research on pack dynamics and growth. Removing the alpha-male from a pack could lead to the demise of the entire pack, said one individual.

Another stakeholder pointed out that the wolf roundtable, which set the guiding principles

for the state’s wolf management plan, specifically calls for a targeted hunt, not a broad-based one. The plan has been in play less than one year after the animals were federally delisted. Bypassing the plan for a legal hunt would also toss out the group’s ability to gather data on the effectiveness of the plan.

Despite what the state may want to do, the case is likely to end up in federal court. The Humane Society of the United States notified the federal government of its intent to sue on Oct. 15. A 60-day waiting

period is required under the Endangered Species Act. They contend hunting wolves is merely about sport, not about public safety.

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service put faith in the state wildlife agencies to responsibly manage wolf populations, but their overzealous and extreme plans to allow for trophy hunting and recreational trapping immediately after delisting demonstrate that such confidence is unwarranted,” said Wayne Pacelle, president of the HSUS.

If the hunt is not legalized, farmers still have the ability to protect their livestock, and people their pets.

“It’s already legal in Michigan to kill wolves that threaten livestock or dogs, and a trophy hunting season on these creatures in unnecessary,” said Jill Fritz, Michigan state director for HSUS. “Nobody eats wolves and they would be killed just for fun and trophies.”

Fritz is referring to two Public Acts that protect farmers and individuals from prosecution for taking an animal that is a threat.

## Cancer vs Rivals game scheduled for Jan. 22 at Brimley gymnasium

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The fourth annual Cancer vs Rivals basketball game will take place Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Brimley High School and coaches are already gearing up for the friendly clash between Brimley and Sault High teams.

Brimley Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Matt Bathey and Brimley Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Ray Bell modeled the new T-shirts on Dec. 5, now available for purchase to promote the event. T-shirts are available in either black or white and come in sizes small to 5X. Prices range from \$10 to \$16, depending on size. Also available are hoodies with the same colors and sizes available, ranging from \$26 to \$33, depending on size.

The shirts are not pink this year, as the Sault organizers did not care for the color, explained Bell. Instead, the Sault fans will wear black shirts and Brimley fans will wear white. “We are hoping for a ‘white-out’ in the gym,” he added.

Players from all the basketball teams have order forms, as well as Bill Beaune in the Brimley School office. Clothing can also be ordered through Soo Co-op Credit Union in Brimley, and at Das Gift Haus in Sault Ste. Marie and the 620 Shop at Sault High School.

In addition, sponsors are being sought for each player, in the amount of approximately \$50. Sponsors will be recognized in the program book and will be introduced on the court during the event. Individuals or organizations are encouraged to get involved.

The uniforms will be in brighter colors this year, Bell said. Brimley boys will have



pink uniforms with black lettering and Sault boys will wear black uniforms with pink lettering. Brimley girls will wear white with pink lettering and Sault girls will wear black with pink lettering. Most players choose to keep their uniforms, but that is up to the sponsor, Bell explained.

Volunteers are needed as well. For more information, call Brimley Athletic Director Milt Sutton at 906-248-3218, ext. 665 or 906-248-5387; Bill Beaune at 906-248-3219; Matt Bathey at 906-440-8545; or Ray Bell at 906-748-4359.

A tailgate party will be held in the Brimley School cafeteria from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., prior to the game. Hamburgers, hot dogs, salad and dessert will be available for \$5, with the food provided by parents of the players.

Cost is \$5 at the door. Varsity

girls tip off at 6 p.m. and varsity boys at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Over 1,000 people attended last year’s event and both coaches are predicting more exciting close-fought basketball games again this year. There was less than a 10-point spread in both the boys and girls games in 2011.

“It’s a Class A school against a Class D school,” said Bathey, “and they think we can’t compete, but we can.”

“Expect great games for a great cause,” added Bell.

All proceeds will be donated to Hospice of the EUP and the Oncology Department of War Memorial Hospital towards the fight against cancer. This year the effort will not concentrate only on breast cancer but on all types, explained Sutton.

“Our simple goal is this,” he said. “Beat whatever Sault High raised last year!”

### Bay Mills Employee Christmas Party planned

**Bay Mills Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 21 at the Horizons Conference Center. Party begins at 1 p.m. for those working second shift, 5 p.m. for everyone else.**

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS — Santa Claus made his first appearance of the season on Nov. 23 in Sault Ste. Marie. Rumor has it he will be traveling through Brimley, starting at the Armella Parker Building on Sunday, Dec 23 at 1:30 p.m., making his way through housing, visiting the casinos and stopping for a meet and greet at Superior Township Hall. Be on the lookout for the man in the red suit! Brimley residents marked the holidays this year with a new manger and Christmas display on M-221. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS



# Bay Mills recreation areas to see facelift next spring

By Alison Walker  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — The Parks and Recreation areas of Bay Mills Indian Community will be receiving a face-lift next spring, thanks to the hard work of many. Students in Bay Mills Community College’s sports management class, various community members and departments, and students from Ojibwe Charter School are all working closely to provide the tribe with updated parks and recreation locations and plans. The project is part of community development responsibilities that Bay Mills Executive Council has assigned Bay Mills Public Works.

Each of the seven parks need several renovations, including new and/or repaired equipment, safer amenities like rubber flooring under the equipment, lighting, sidewalks, bathrooms and more. Potential ideas for new recreation facilities include trails for walking, a Little League diamond, and a new ice skating rink. Students from OCS have already been holding fundraisers to

raise monies for new park equipment. The idea behind the effort is to make the areas more usable to community members of all ages.

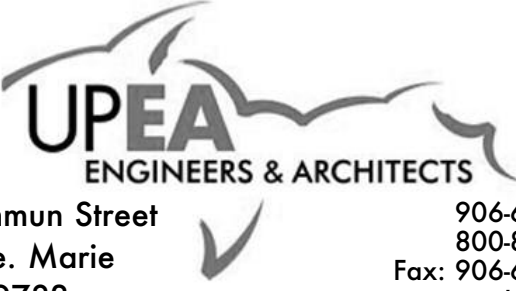
Although ground breaking won’t actually take place until next spring, Bay Mills community members still have plenty of opportunities to be involved with the project.

Surveys will be distributed by the Housing Department to community members via mail in the coming weeks. BMCC students assisted in designing the survey, which allows community members to share their thoughts on the restoration efforts. Completed surveys may be dropped off at the Housing office and various other locations. Interested parties who would like to participate in updating the parks and recreation areas should contact Public Works Director Aaron Tadgerson at [atadgerson@baymills.org](mailto:atadgerson@baymills.org) or call 906-248-8125.

In addition, Executive Council will be working to name the seven parks on the Bay Mills Indian Community. According to Tadgerson, details for the naming are being developed at this time.



Ojibwe Charter School students met with Bay Mills Executive Council on Monday, Dec. 10 to present their ideas about the recreation areas. Above Ayanna Belleau speaks to the council on behalf of her classmates. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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## Mich. becomes right-to-work state despite protests

LANSING (AP) — In a dizzyingly short time span, Republicans have converted Michigan from a seemingly impregnable fortress of organized labor into a right-to-work state, leaving outgunned Democrats and union activists with little recourse but to shake their fists and seek retribution at the ballot box.

The state House swiftly approved two bills reducing unions’ strength on Dec. 11, one dealing with private-sector workers and the other with public employees, as thousands of furious protesters at the state Capitol roared in vain. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder signed the measures into law within hours, calling them “pro-worker and pro-Michigan.”

“Workers deserve the right to decide for themselves whether union membership benefits them,” Snyder said. “Introducing freedom-to-work in Michigan will contribute to our state’s economic comeback while preserving the roles of unions and collective bargaining.”

House Speaker Jase Bolger exulted after the vote that Michigan’s future “has never been brighter,” while Democrats and union activists said workers had been doomed to ever-lower living standards. Lacking enough votes to block the measures or force a statewide referendum, opponents set their sights on the 2014 election.

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The seeds were planted two years ago with the election of Snyder, a former venture capitalist and CEO who pledged to make the state more business-friendly, and GOP supermajorities in the House and Senate. They have chipped away repeatedly at union power, even as Snyder insisted the big prize — right-to-work—was “not on my agenda.”

Fearing the governor wouldn’t be able to restrain his allies in the Legislature, labor waged a pre-emptive strike with a ballot initiative known as Proposal 2 that would have made right-to-work laws unconstitutional. It was soundly defeated in last month’s election, and Snyder said Dec. 11 the unions had miscalculated by bringing the issue to center stage.

“I don’t believe we would be standing here in this time frame if it hadn’t been for Proposal 2,” the governor said at a news conference after signing the bills. “After the election, there was an extreme escalation on right-to-work that was very divisive.”

After days of private talks with legislative and union leaders, Snyder threw his support behind the measures Dec. 6. Within hours, Senate Republicans had introduced and approved them without the usual committee hearings. After a mandatory five-day waiting period, the House did likewise Dec. 11.

tors.

Seventh-grade teacher Jack Johnson, of East Lansing, said the GOP’s goal was obvious: “You take away money from the unions and they can’t support the Democratic candidates, and the Republicans take over.”

“No justice, no peace!” protesters chanted, the chorus reaching a deafening din as the House prepared to vote. “Shame on you!” they shouted from the House gallery as the results were announced.

Republicans insisted the bills were given adequate consideration, as the issue had been debated across the state for years. Snyder said he saw no reason to delay signing the measures, especially with opponents still hoping to dissuade him.

“They can finish up, and they can go home because they know ... making more comments on that is not going to change the outcome,” he said. “I view this as simply trying to get this issue behind us.”

“Don’t count on it,” state Democratic Chairman Mark Brewer retorted.

“If Gov. Snyder thinks that Michigan citizens will go home and forget about what happened in Lansing today, he is sorely mistaken,” Brewer said. “Snyder has set the tone for the next two years, and this fight is not over.”

Snyder said he expects the law to be challenged in court but believes it will stand. Opponents also said they might seek recalls of some legislators.

Meanwhile, unions must adapt to a new reality.

The law takes effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. Even then, workers bound by existing contracts won’t be able to stop paying union fees until those deals expire. But activists fear some will opt out at first opportunity.

“A lot of people like to free-load,” said Sharon McMullen, an employee of the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

“Passing these bills is an act of war on Michigan’s middle class, and I hope the governor and the Republican legislators are ready for the fight that is about to ensue,” said Gretchen Whitmer, the Senate Democratic leader.

As one of 24 states with right-to-work laws, Michigan will prohibit requiring nonunion employees to pay unions for negotiating contracts, representing them in grievances and other services. Supporters say the law gives workers freedom of association and promotes job creation, while critics insist the real intent is to drain unions of funds needed to bargain effectively.

Labor has suffered a series of setbacks in Rust Belt states since the 2010 election propelled Tea Party conservatives to power across much of the region. Even so, the ruthless efficiency with which Republicans prevailed on right-to-work was breathtaking in Michigan, birthplace of the United Auto Workers, where unions have long been political

opponents had little time to generate the massive resistance put forward in Indiana, where right-to-work was approved earlier this year, and Wisconsin during consideration of a 2011 law curtailing collective bargaining rights for most state employees. Those measures provoked weeks of intense debate, with Democrats boycotting sessions to delay action and tens of thousands of activists occupying statehouses.

Still, Michigan unions mustered thousands of protesters who massed in the Capitol’s hallways, rotunda and front lawn. Crowds formed before dawn on a chilly morning. Four oversized, inflatable toy rats bearing the names of Snyder and GOP legislative leaders were on display.

“They’re selfish. They’re greedy. They’re Republican,” said Susan Laurin, 60, of Saginaw, a secretary with the state Department of Transportation, wearing a hard hat like many fellow demonstra-

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# Brimley School fall sports athletes awarded trophies

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — On Nov. 27, Brimley Area Schools honored the athletes who played fall sports at an Ice Cream Social in the school cafeteria where players, coaches and family members enjoyed cookies and strawberry shortcake.

Emily Chartrand was presented an award by Milt Sutton, athletic director and coach for the fledgling cross country program. She ran as a one person cross country team, competing in six regular season meets, where she placed as follows: St. Ignace, 4th place; Sault Ste. Marie, 15th place; Rogers City, 12th place; Sault Invitational, 15th place; St. Ignace Invitational, 14th place; and, Rudyard Invitational, 10th place.

She also competed at the U.P. Finals in Munising, placing 5th, and

was selected for the First Team All U.P. — one of the top five female runners in Division 3. Chartrand also received an All-State selection in cross country.

Coach Terry Maguran presented awards to his Junior Varsity football team: Cosmo Baganz, James Blakely, Braden Cameron, R.J. Carrick, Chris Forrest, Lindsey Hatfield, Tyler Johnson, Donavon LeBlanc, Riley Sansone, Gabe Teeple and Calyn Waite.

Gabe Teeple won Most Improved for his willingness to make himself a better football player and never giving an inch to his opponents. Chris Forrest won Most Dedicated for being the first one on the field and the last one to leave. Coach's Award MVP went to R.J. Carrick, a co-captain who was willing to play any position that was asked of him and led the team in tackles and yards played.

Although they had a 0-3 season, Coach Maguran said the team never gave up until the buzzer sounded.

Ron Lounds, Varsity football coach, presented five awards to his team. Most Improved went to Njal Viker, Most Dedicated to John Preville, Coach's Award MVP to Shane Beaune, Mr. Football to Kyle Friez, and Attaboy to Tyler Lounds.

They finished the season at 2-6, but again, never gave up no matter what the score was, said Assistant Coach Maguran.

On the Varsity team: Shane Beaune, Dakota Bowen, Frank Breen, Brandon Carrick, Donnie Carrick, Sean Daniels, Kyle Friez, Tyler Lounds, Corey Menzies, Michael Pomeroy, John Preville and Njal Viker. Three JV players were brought up when their season ended: Cosmo Baganz, R.J. Carrick and Riley Sansone.

Named to First Team All Conference as a kicker was Njal Viker; named to Second Team All Conference were Shane Beaune as defensive back, Kyle Friez as defensive line and Tyler Lounds as center.

Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach Sally Piche awarded Most Improved to Kelly Passmore, Most Dedicated to Delaney Walden and Coach's Award to Ann Archambeau and Kitty Breen.

Her team had a season record of 11 wins and 5 losses and was made up of: Anne Archambeau, Kitty Breen, Madison Deuman, Christina Fultz, Kaylee Hill, Mallorie Kronmeyer, Val Lyons, Natalie McGuire, Darcey Parish, Kiley Passmore and Delaney Walden.

Coach Lisa Corbiere was assisted with her Varsity Volleyball team by managers Hayley Shaw, Makenzie Williams and Shelby Williams. On her team: Anna Carrick, Sarah

Donnelly, Alyssa Graham, Tabitha Graham, Alyssa Hyvarinen, Karlyl Jerman, Clarissa Kelly, Taylor Mills, Jocelynn Preville, Alyssa Recla, Kourtney St. Peter and Lauren Wilcox.

Most Approved was awarded to Anna Carrick and Lauren Wilcox, Most Dedicated to Alyssa Recla, Coach's Award to Clarissa Kelly, MVP to Tabitha Graham and Ms. Volleyball to Taylor Mills.

The team's conference record was 6 wins, 2 losses. They placed second in the EUP Conference and won the following awards there: Tabitha Graham, All Conference 1st Team and Player of the Year; Anna Carrick and Taylor Mills, All Conference 2nd Team; and Clarissa Kelly, All Conference Honorable Mention.

Tabitha Graham also won All Region Team and All State-Honorable Mention.



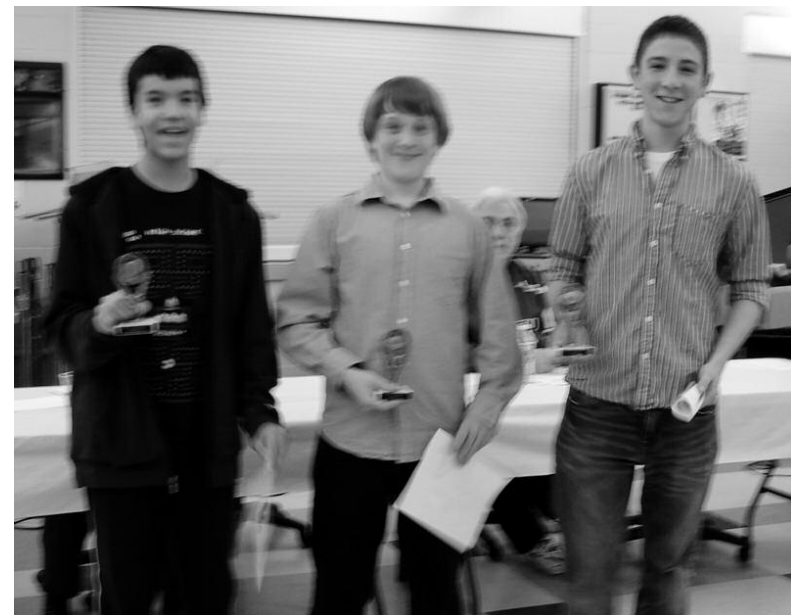
L-R: Kyle Friez, Shane Beaune, Tyler Lounds, Njal Kiver, Riley Sansone and John Preville.



L-R: Clarissa Kelly, Tabitha Graham, Lauren Wilcox, Alyssa Recla, Anna Carrick and Taylor Mills.



At top right: Gabe Teeple, Chris Forrest and R.J. Carrick. At bottom right: Kitty Breen, Anne Archambeau, Kiley Passmore and Delaney Walden. Directly below: Emily Chartrand.



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# OPINION

## Top ten comedic news stories of 2012

**Raging Moderate, by Will Durst**

First a disclaimer: The Top Ten Comedic News Stories of 2012 should not under any circumstances be confused with the Top Ten Legitimate News Stories of 2012. They are as different as red satin cummerbunds and Liar’s Dice. Duck liver and Spanish moss. Matched pearl necklaces and motorcycle handlebars.

For those of you itching to point out that some stories, especially those involving death, destruction, devastation and disaster are not proper subjects for this sort of fanciful folderol — way ahead of you. Totally agree. Exactly why the Aurora, Colo. movie theater massacre, Hurricane Sandy, Jerry Sandusky and the movie John Carter failed to make the cut.

Also left off the list are a few of the fiendishly frivolous footprints despoiling the sands of this annus horribilis such as Lindsay Lohan’s continuing struggles with sobriety, that curious craze called Gangnam Style, the introduction of the iPhone 5 and Facebook’s roller-coaster IPO.

That said; here they are, the key stories from the past year providing the purest opportunities for major mocking and scoffing and taunting as determined by the

executive council of the Comics, Clowns, Jesters & Satirists Union. Me.

10. Donald Trump. Assumes figurehead post of Birther Movement. Then refuses to shut up all year long, including several embarrassing tweets on Election Day. An ever-gushing political comedy material fountain with all the grace and elegance of tumbling dumpsters.

9. First Presidential Debate. Turned what was becoming a slam-dunk into a horse race. Seventy million Americans tuned in. But for some unknown reason, President Obama was not among them.

8. The entire GOP primary campaign. Party plays Candidate Whack-A-Mole for five months. Everybody takes turns beating Romney like a red-headed stepchild, including some folks who aren’t even running.

7. London Olympics. Ann Romney’s horse Rafalca competes in Dressage. Event where the horse and the rider perform predetermined movements. Which you would think would be illegal in Utah. But horse fails to medal and probably gets shipped home strapped to the fuselage of a 747. McKayla Maroney remains unimpressed.

6. Vice Presidential Debate. Joe Biden goes all Malarkey on Paul Ryan. Two words — decaf. Bold Choice Ryan blames Obama for GM plant closing in ‘08. Fails to implicate POTUS in fall of the Roman Empire. But just barely.

5. Barack Obama comes out in support of gay marriage. Emerges from his own personal policy closet like a butterfly emerging from a conflicted cocoon.

4. Mitt Romney vows to get rid of Big Bird, losing him pivotal pre-adolescent vote.

3. Democratic National Convention. Specifically, Bill Clinton laying out the precise reasons why America should re-elect as president... Bill Clinton.

2. Republican National Convention. Specifically, Clint Eastwood upstaging the nominee’s acceptance speech by getting into an argument with an empty chair. Which he proceeded to lose. Probably upset him so badly he rushed back to the hotel room where he got into a squabble with his armoire.

1. Mitt Romney. All the charisma of a plastic picnic fork with three of the tines snapped off. May have run the worst campaign ever. And that includes New Coke, McCain/Palin and France in ‘39.

## Gays, in fact, saved marriage

By Tina Dupuy

When it comes to marriage, I’m no romantic. (Just ask my husband.)

My generation of women doesn’t have to be married. Our mothers fought for this choice. In the 19th century doctors would prescribe different (think more painful and degrading) treatment for unmarried women with the same illnesses as their married counterparts. The laws were different for single women; their standing in the community was lower, their prospects fewer. Basically, you were either married, living with your parents or considered a prostitute.

The fight for gender equality now means daughters of the Baby Boomers have the option of being single (if they want) and having the same social/legal/moral standing as one who marries.

Any plea for “traditional marriage” glazes over the plural marriages in the Bible and idealizes the McCall’s magazine advertisements of the 1950s. In the real 1950s you could not, in the eyes of the law, rape your wife. Women were akin to children, only there were laws protecting children from abuse by the man of the house.

Yes, feminism and women’s liberation, as promised, allowed women to forgo marriage (or not). It’s feminism and women’s liberation that should get all the credit for destroying traditional marriage.

Traditional marriage was limping along way before anyone thought of mass-producing cake toppers with two grooms.

The first cut was women’s suffrage. The near thousandth was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Yes, traditional marriage is dead.



So naturally, marriage numbers are down for my generation. Wives used to be considered property. Who would want to enter a union with slavery undertones? Only 51 percent of American adults as of 2011 (down 5 percent), according to the Pew Research Center are married.

How is it even that high? Who brought marriage back into the national dialog as something Americans should want to do? Who made something old, ugly and weird suddenly desirable? In one word: Gays. An entire swath of Americans who would have otherwise not cared whatsoever about marriage were unexpectedly forced to examine the idea of matrimony.

I include myself in this category. As women were asking why they would want to be married since they no longer had to be, same-sex couples began wanting to be married even though they couldn’t.

Marriage, all of a sudden, was worth fighting for. Homosexuals made the case for why they wanted/deserved to be married. It was about rights: next of kin, Social Security, power of attorney, taxes, insurance.

The institution of marriage, as

told to us by same-sex couples who still can’t get married in most places, is a partnership. A contract between two people recognized by the state. This is not the marriage of the Bible. As long as women are considered equal under the law, marriage as we knew it a century ago, or 1,700 years ago, is gone. Their movement, after all, is called Marriage Equality.

Gays saved marriage. They put a new spin on what for women of my age was an antiquated notion. They made Americans think about marriage. We discussed spousal privilege and what it means to be a husband/wife. They made marriage less of a wedding dress fantasy and more of a pragmatic way to build a life with someone you love.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear two cases about same-sex marriage. One is a challenge to Prop. 8 in California, the other hinges on the federal Defense of Marriage Act signed by President Clinton. It means homosexual couples could have the federal government recognize their unions by June.

How romantic!

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## Beware the office Christmas party

By Tom Purcell,  
Columnist for Cagle Cartoons

“You got fired because your company had a Christmas party? You’re going to have to explain.”  
“Look, I’ve been going to company Christmas parties a long time. The mix of office politics and adult beverages has caused some nutty things to happen over the years. But now everybody is so serious and so easily offended, things are worse than ever.”

“What did you do?”  
“Well, the owners of my company threw a traditional office Christmas party after work one evening — the last such party they’ll ever have. Thanks to me and the boys in the sales department, adult beverages were flowing. I thought everybody was having a good time. But something was missing.”

“Missing?”  
“There was no Christmas tree! I went out to the woods and cut a couple of pine branches and put them in a vase. I went to my desk and made a paper star. I placed the star on top of the tree. I figured everybody would love it, but somebody filed a complaint with Human Resources.”

“A complaint?”  
“Some fellow said I was imposing a specific faith on him — that I was creating a hostile work environment. He said I was insensitive to people of other faiths — that even though the Supreme Court ruled that a Christmas tree is a secular symbol, the only acceptable tree would be a diversity tree that represented everybody’s point of view.”

“I see.”  
“Anyhow, about then — I believe the boys and I had a few more drinks — we started singing Christmas carols: “Silent Night,” “Hark! The Herald ...,” “The First Noel.” We were working our way through “Hallelujah Chorus” when it happened again.”

“Another complaint to Human Resources?”  
“Bingo. I don’t know why anybody would be upset about Christmas carols being sung at a Christmas party. Something about Christian songs being insensitive to non-Christians. But that was the least of my worries. Things got worse when we conducted our annual raffle.”

“I can only imagine. Go on.”  
“Well, every year the boys and I buy the finest bottle of hooch we can find. We raffle it off and give the funds we raise to charity. How was I supposed to know that some religions are offended by gambling and alcohol? As you might expect, the raffle caused another complaint. But that was nothing compared to what happened next.”

“Things got worse!”  
“Oh, yeah. Just after the boys and I had a few more drinks, in walks one of the ladies from order entry. You wouldn’t believe some of the clothing she wears to work — or, to be more precise, the clothing she DOESN’T wear.”

“Please don’t tell me there was mistletoe.”  
“How’d you guess? The boys bet me 20 bucks I could coax her under the mistletoe and give her a little peck. Silver-tongued devil that I am, I began commenting on how great she looked in her scanty duds when —”

“Another complaint was filed with Human Resources?”  
“You’re good, buddy. She dresses like a pop star and I’m the one hit with a multimillion-dollar sexual-harassment lawsuit?”

“I recently read about such Christmas office-party woes in *The New York Times*. Because our work force is so diverse — and because people have so many different social styles, religions and points of view — the article said many companies don’t know how to approach Christmas parties anymore.”

“You can add me to that list, pal.”  
“Employees are so sensitive and easily offended, employers can’t please one without agitating another. Some say Christmas parties are too overtly Christian — others that they’re not overt enough.”

“They’re not overtly FUN enough.”  
“Traditional Christmas parties are rife with liabilities, too — company-funded alcohol consumption is a huge red flag. Thus, more companies are abandoning the traditional Christmas party for dull, generic, daytime events — another trend that reflects how humorless, serious and overly sensitive America is becoming. Though you have to admit: You were awfully boorish and brash at your Christmas party.”

“Sure, I admit it. But I’ve been boorish and brash every year. It’s just that nowadays you can get sued and canned for it.”



## A little goes a long way, sometimes

By Al Demroske

Huge amounts of campaign big bucks were spent on this past political election — according to experts, roughly \$2 billion. A billion has nine zeros. And I cannot resist asking this question: How many politicians can one buy for \$2 billion? A fair and balanced answer has to be a lot or very little, depending on your political views. So what can you get for a mere \$10? My answer is a lot, comparatively speaking if you factor in such tangibles as respect, generosity, when you do not have a lot yourself.

I stopped by a friend’s place the other day for a visit. Many of you know him — he is a retired elementary teacher here in Brimley. He is not a veteran, but volunteers as a driver for the Disabled American Veterans van. The DAV van allows volunteers to drive needy veterans to places like the VA hospital.

My friend picked up five older veterans who were in various states of aches and pains, a story worth it’s

own telling. And along the way, they stopped for a lunch break at McDonald’s in Gladstone.

A young teenaged boy noticed them and left a \$10 bill at the counter and then just walked out. The clerk divided up the \$10, giving each veteran \$2 to apply to their bill. My friend tried to find out the name of this young man, but was not successful.

I am certain that this young man was not wealthy, so in proportion, this was a generous gift, given quietly and anonymously. He demonstrated his respect for our veterans. I, myself, highly value a \$10 bill.

Considering this whole little narrative, there are a lot more people than we realize who are out there giving of their time and money without fanfare lending a helping hand to our veterans.

And this young man is certainly a credit to his generation.

Demroske resides in Brimley.



# November's top students named



**NOVEMBER'S BEST** — Brimley Elementary School has chosen their Students of the Month for November. Front row, L-R: Mila Croad, Anna Keyser, Addison Carrick, Trey Lynn and Morgan Barnes. Middle row, L-R: Jonathan Rider, Riley Parish, Sydney Hopper, Morgan Fox and Ella Bowen. Back row, L-R: Abigail LaRue, Samantha Bishop, Philip Brown, Katelyn Krull and Kora Blake. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

**BRIMLEY** — Brimley Elementary School has announced the names of those selected as Students of the Month for November.

**Morgan Barnes** is a very enthusiastic young lady who always has a smile on her face and is full of positive joyful comments about the world around her. She does her hardest work and tries her best in everything she does. She turns in topnotch work daily and will go above and beyond what is asked. Morgan is reliable and responsible and so very helpful to me and her classmates. — Ms. Hoffman

**Samantha Bishop** is an excellent student. She completes her work in a timely fashion, always having it ready when it is due. She also makes sure that her work is done correctly and is of excellent quality. Her ability to keep herself from being drawn into conversations or goofiness that other students sometimes exhibit makes her an excellent role model for others. Samantha works well with others and is more than willing to share her knowledge and skills with them. — Mrs. Hutchins

**Kora Blake** has done an excellent job staying on top of all her assignments. I really appreciate how she perseveres on the really tough problems or assignments and doesn't just give up. She always gives her best effort on not only her work, but on making good choices in our classroom. Kora always follows our "Bays Ways" and sets a wonderful example. — Mrs. Teeple

**Ellen Bowen** is a very cheerful and upbeat individual. She puts forth 100 percent in all that she does. She does not hesitate to help out a fellow classmate with understanding a new topic or with simply helping them catch up on material that they missed. She is often wearing a big smile on her face and sometimes can be caught singing a beautiful tune. Ella seems to get along with everyone she meets. — Ms. Schaedler

**Philip Brown** is a very responsible student who always completes his assignments on time. He puts his best effort into all his work and classroom activities. Philip loves to learn and I appreciate his willingness to help in the classroom. — Mrs. Hope

**Addison Carrick** is an excellent

listener throughout the day and during lessons and she knows how to be a responsible student. She asks questions to ensure that she does a great job on assignments. She is a very kindhearted girl who is constantly volunteering to help others or the teacher and she is a trustworthy girl whom I can count on to continually set an example for others. Addison is a nice, caring kid. — Mrs. Hill

**Mila Croad** is a dedicated student as well as being a person of character. She is helpful to others and is kind to all. I can count on her to get everything done. Mila always does more than is expected of her. — Mrs. Ellis

**Morgan Fox** is a wonderful role model for her peers. She is friendly and helpful to everyone, both students and adults. I can always count on her to be doing what is expected of her, with a smile on her face. Morgan is such a friendly, polite and fun girl to have in our classroom. — Mrs. Carrick

**Sydney Hopper** comes into the classroom with a smile on her face and eager to learn. She has excellent classroom behavior and is an example to her classmates. She can be seen giving helpful reminders or helping other students who are having difficulty. Sydney is a conscientious student who gives 100 percent and it shows in all she does. She is always willing to do a little extra to make her work stand out. Sydney is a kind and caring student who can be counted on to always do her homework or any other task that needs to be done. — Mrs. Gross

**Anna Keyser** is a reliable and hardworking student. She always has a smile and never complains and she is up for every challenge. She regularly contributes to class discussions. Anna loves to read and she writes amazing stories, plus her handwriting is always beautiful. — Mrs. Kelso

**Katelyn Krull** is a responsible young lady. She completes assignments on time and puts forth a great deal of effort in all that she completes. Katelyn is kind and courteous to others around her and is willing to help classmates. — Mrs. Rider

**Abigail LaRue** is a new student to Brimley Schools this year. She brings

a fun personality to our class, which her classmates enjoy. She does very well academically and was on the Honor Roll for the first marking period. Her classmates really appreciate her friendly personality and willingness to help. Abbie is very enthusiastic about school, always arriving to class with a good attitude and her work done. — Mrs. Osborne

**Trey Lynn** works very hard on everything that is given to him. He listens carefully to every lesson in order to be able to follow directions and be the best student he can be. Trey loves to play with his friends, but he remembers to follow the rules at all times. He sets a great example for the other boys in his class by constantly showing them how to be a good student and still have fun in school. Trey is a responsible and kind boy. — Mrs. Hill

**Riley Parish** is an awesome student who comes to class with a cheerful disposition and always prepared to learn. He follows the classroom rules and procedures and is a terrific role model for others to follow. Riley is a hard worker who turns in his classroom assignments on time. — Mrs. Ver Strate

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# Homework Giveaway honors hardworking Brimley students

BRIMLEY — As part of Brimley Area School’s Title VII Indian Education Program, elementary school students were honored Dec. 10 at a Homework Giveaway hosted by the students of the Native Studies and Ojibwe language classes taught by Sonja Killips.

To be eligible, students had to have handed in every assignment on time for the month of November. As their names were called, each student chose a gift from the assortment that was either made or collected by the students in Killips’ classes. Following the ceremony, the children danced to an Honor Song by the Aabiizi Drum from Bay Mills Indian Community.

Kindergarten, Mrs. Hill: Ethan Cameron, Addison Carrick, Memphis Courser, Jayna Hunt, Bailey Johnson-Anargyros, Aydin Jones, Summer Kinney, Lawrence LeBlanc, Wasaya LeBlanc, Andrew LeBlanc, Trey Lynn, Dominic Miller, Mark Osborne, Maddox Ranta, Kaylee Sylvester, Savannah Taylor, Caden Teeple, Phoenix Thompson, Chendra Tremblay and Christian Williams.

Kindergarten, Ms. Hoffman: Trevor Buriak, Addison Hill, Morgan Barnes, Brennah LaFord, Jason LaPonsie, Evan Mills, Jaydon

Niemi-Alcorn, Damian Schwiderson, Makaelah Shaw, Benjamin Smart, Cassidy Stone, Andrew Teeple and Anjeni Watson.

First grade, Mrs. Ellis: Stacy Bishop, Hayden Cameron, Landon Cameron, Grace Capling, Mila Croad, Aaliyah Deuman, Abby Hoffman, Owen Johnson-Anargyros, Camela Kemp, Ceara LeBlanc, Isabella Massey, Cian Parish, Evan Parker, Patience Peltier and Autumn Ward.

First grade, Mrs. Kelso: Autumn Baragwanath, Hunter Baragwanath, Gavin Beseau, Isabelle Caraccio, Grace Dumas, Laila DuVall, Brendan Gross, Kiara Hopper, Perry LeBlanc, Gregory Mills, Kai Morrison, Quinn Parker, Winnona Thomson and Simon Whealy.

Second grade, Mrs. Gross: Savannah Albrough, Destiny Baragwanath, Kailiegh Bensel, Vivian Carrick, Kenneth Clow, Chelsea Deuman, Jordan Fegan-July, Samuel Goetz, Grace Hill, Kayleigh Hopper, Sydney Hopper, Clayton Johns, Elizabeth Johnson-Anargyros, Amanda McColl, Elsie McGuire, Logan Peake, Keldon Perron and Kitamkoquah Verwiebe.

Second grade, Ms. Schaedler: Stephen Allen, Olivia Bennett, Ella Bowen, Julianna Carrick, Gina Hazlett, Lindsey Hill, Braedon Kemp, Cameron King, Kaylee Komejan, Betty Kovas, Kelsie Lyons, Walter Shields, Adam Shubel and Chloe Teeple.

Third grade, Mrs. Carrick: Michael Baragwanath, Angel Bennett, Aiden Beseau, Stephanie Bishop, Mary Jane Cameron, Brooke Carrick, Halaina carrick, Morgan Fox, Alec Hill, Colin Hopper, Adrianna Hyder, Daryan LeBlanc, Caleb Lipponen, Hannah

Pawloski, Willem Perron, James Skonieczny and Raielee Taylor.

Third grade, Mrs. Ver Strate: Addysen Anacito, Reece Blake-Pesola, Jackson Bowen, Henry Finfrock, Hunter Heck, Kathlin Hutchinson, Kendall Jahnke, Cole Johnson, Bethany Kabelman, Carlie Keyser, Alexis Leapley, Sadie McGuire, Dominic Zavior Morrison, Riley Parish, Jaimie Preville, Benjamin Rider, Luke Slater, Alana Vandermeer and Druid-Lake Warner.

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Fourth grade, Mrs. Teeple: Xavier Bedell, Kora Blake, Carmen Cameron, Lily Carlson, Brianna Clow, Kadin Goetz, Mason Harris, Maddisen Hoornstra, John Hutchinson, Kayden Johnson, Jasmine Kinney, Paige LaFord, Korinn Perron and Sarah Rosa.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Hope: Victoria Aikens, Philip Brown, Dalton Clement, Zach Gross and Jolie LeBlanc.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Rider: Cole Brehm, Heather Gordier, Trevor Moran and Derek Postma.

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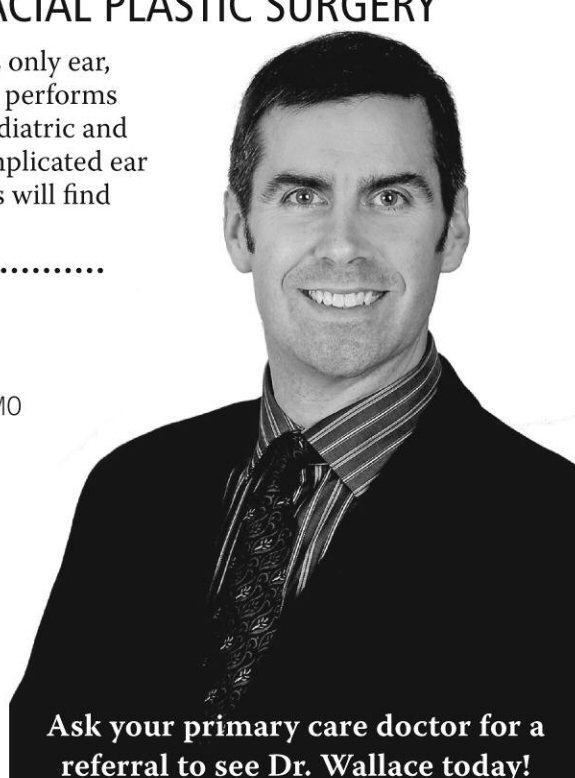
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# “Lost boy” of Sudan happy to call Michigan home

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Imagine being asleep late at night and awakening abruptly to rapid gunfire all around you. Your first instinct is to jump up and start running as fast as you can without looking back. This is just what one terrified young boy had to do so many years ago. Kuol Nai was merely six or seven years old when his family’s town in Bor, Sudan awoke to this horrific nightmare.

Though many years have passed since he came to the U.S. and left the nightmare behind, those memories are with him everyday.

In 1983 a civil war had broken out in Sudan. This war changed the lives of Nai and his young cousins as they escaped to survive. The north was primarily Muslim and the South was Christian. Unbeknownst to the boys, they had become part of a group called “The Lost Boys of Sudan.” Close to 30,000 boys of the Dinka ethnicity, as young as six years old on up, became orphaned and homeless during this time.

Traveling through the desert without shoes for more than 1,000 miles proved treacherous on those who were able to escape. The lack of food and water began to take its toll. Many boys fell down from exhaustion and hunger. Nai recalls hearing the animals eating those who fell behind.

Finally Nai made it to the camp in Ethiopia and took refuge there for four years until 1992 when Ethiopia’s government started fighting. Thousands of boys made the trek back to Sudan only to discover that the war was still going on. They accumulatively decided to head more southerly toward Kenya.

There was another camp in Kakuma, Kenya over 1,000 more miles away. This journey took them over the mountains, through the Nile River, the desert, and extremely hot weather. Barefoot, dehydrated, sick, and hungry; there was blood and death everywhere they looked. Almost to a refugee camp in Kenya, the boys came to the Nile River. Nai feels he only made it across thanks to the help of his two older cousins. He watched as so

many children drowned in the five-mile stretch of river, and so many others were ravaged by the crocodiles. All the while, the army was shooting boys in the river like target practice.

Nai and both his cousins stayed in Kenya for about nine years. Boys were assigned an approximate age at this time as well, since most did not know from losing a sense of time. They started to attend school, but not like schools in America. They took 12 subjects a day for eight hours straight without a lunch break. There were 150 students in each class with six children crammed onto each of the 20 benches in the classroom.

It was around this time, while in Kenya, that Nai learned that his parents had perished at some point during the war. He was unaware for over nine years. Two sisters and one brother did survive however, and he hopes to see them again one day.

The Red Cross and United Nations tried to keep up with the massive number of boys that needed shelter and their names went on a list to come to America. Once Nai’s name was finally called, he had to go through a type of interview process. He had to recall what had happened to him, how he got to Kenya, and why he wanted to go to America.

“I wanted to be saved and be in a good place,” he told interviewers. Nai and both his cousins passed the interviews approving their travel to the U.S. All three boys were sent to Michigan.

Over half of the original “Lost Boys” died during their travels and approximately 3,800 were sent to the U.S. to be placed with families across the country.

Lake Superior State University Provost Don McCrimmon learned of the rescue program and was able to welcome the three cousins to Sault Ste. Marie in 2001. He helped enroll Nai’s cousin into LSSU.

Nai stayed in Sault Ste. Marie with Father Ted Augustine of St. Francis Xavier Church in Brimley for the summer, attending summer classes. He attended middle school for one year and high school at Sault High for one year and then was told he was too old to continue.



His paperwork aged him at 21. Bernice Scozzafave, from Lansing, became involved and helped Nai change his age back to 16 so that he could complete four full years of high school at Eastern High School in Lansing. Nai wanted an education and graduated from High School in 2006, thanks to his “mom” Bernice. Two years ago, he earned his citizenship. Pictured above are Ajak Deng, Kuol Nai and Aciek Nai at LSSU (John Shibley/LSSU)

After graduating, Nai discovered he enjoyed working with his hands and liked to build. Scozzafave brought him back up north and helped him enroll in the construction courses at Bay Mills Community College. Upon completing the program he worked with Steve Lalong Construction Company in Brimley until just recently. Nai is now working in Lansing and enjoying the time he gets to spend with his five-year old son who lives in Sault Ste. Marie.

“I have been in America for 11 years now. You can work, go to school. You can do anything you want and back home you can’t do much,” added Nai.

“I want to thank everyone involved in my rescue,” he said, acknowledging his journey of overcoming great odds is truly one of success.

“Throw your dream into space like a ball and you do not know what it will bring back to you, a new life, a new friend, a new country, a new love for you.”

Motivational speaker DJ Vannas addressed students from Bay Mills Community College and Ojibwe Charter School as part of events commemorating Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 13. Vannas gave an inspiring talk on how to succeed in life, both personally and professionally.

Vannas has been inducted into the American Indian Graduate Center’s Council of 100, which is composed of scholars, leaders and traditionalists across Indian Country. SHANNON JONES/ BAY MILLS NEWS





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The total monies raised from the event, approximately \$3k, will go into the 2012 campaign, which supports 17 local agencies. Currently the campaign is at \$160,913 or 46.6 percent.



At left, Kimmie Mannabat, Jamie Waybrant, and Sandra Walden represent the Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club. Above, Brimley residents Siersha Miller and Sydney Hopper show off their face paintings. At right, musician Gentleman George performs for the crowd.



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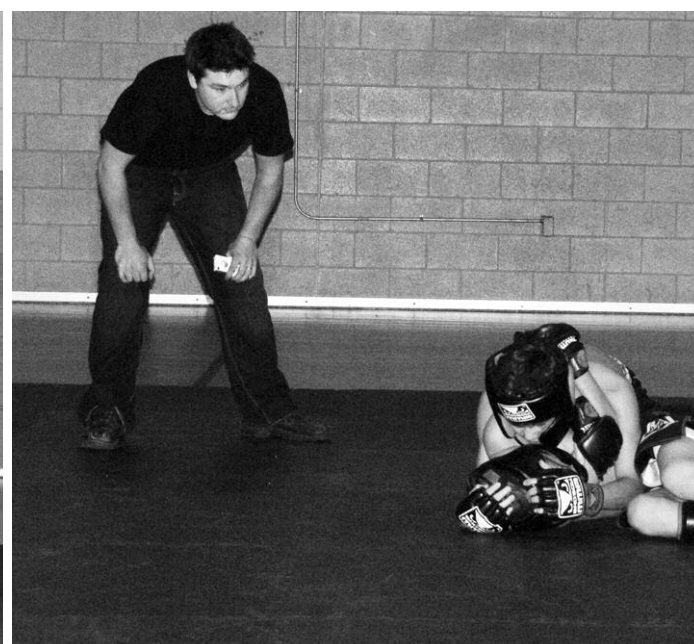


Bay Mills Mixed Martial Arts held an exhibition fight night on Nov. 17. Those who attended were asked for a small admission donation to help purchase additional equipment for the program.

Results from the evening were: Kalden Shipp defeated Hayden Shipp; Kalden Shipp defeated Wayne Carrick; Arthur Bedell defeated Trevor Lothrop; Tommy Rivers defeated Hayden Shipp; and Braden Cameron defeated Mike Tadgerson.

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# Brimley Cross Country team wraps up first season

BRIMLEY — This fall was the first time students at Brimley Area Schools were given the chance to run cross country and the season shaped up to be a positive one, according to coaches Julie Hopper, Kristin Gross and Jill Rairigh Hoomstra. This was the first season the sport has been offered within the district.

Eight students participated in the season, including Alex Rairigh, Joshua Gross, Aaron Kinsella, Nathan Recla, Sam Hopper, Jake Hopper, Olivia Wilcox, and Emily Chartrand.

Junior high runners completed a two mile course and high school runners ran 3.1 miles. The sport differs from track in that, rather than running on a flat surface, cross country takes the athletes through different types of terrain.

Trails are filled with roots, rocks, hills, and runners make their way through everything from golf courses to pastures. The routes are also con-

sidered more scenic than track.

While this was the first year for the sport at Brimley, coaches anticipate growing the sport through the next few years.

“This year was really a learning year. We hope to begin training much earlier for the 2013-2014 school year and increase the number of students that participate,” said Coach Gross.

“Kristin and I are looking forward to involving more boys and girls in this sport,” added Coach Hopper. “What’s really great about this activity is all you need is a positive attitude, determination, and a good pair of running shoes!”

This year’s athletes had a successful season, with each runner shaving minutes off their personal race time with each practice and race. Several runners placed in the top 20 in multiple races. Emily Chartrand earned 5th place at the U.P. Finals, which were held in Munising on Oct. 20.



## Resignations top school board agenda

**By Sharlene Myers**  
*Bay Mills News*

BRIMLEY — Resignations were the main order of business at the Nov. 19 Brimley School Board meeting. With board members Robin Bedell, Tracey Bertram and Rudy Johnson absent, the four members present unanimously accepted the resignations of a coach, a school board member and the school superintendent.

Richard LeBlanc has stepped down as JV boys basketball coach and Varsity boys track and field coach. Jason Wanic, who assisted LeBlanc, has been named temporary JV boys basketball coach until the position can be posted. Wanic can apply for the position if he chooses to do so.

Tracey Bertram resigned from the school board after serving half of her two-year term, effective immediately.

The board has 30 days to find a replacement.

They will post the position immediately, giving applicants until Dec. 7 to respond. The board will interview applicants prior to the Dec. 17 board meeting and announce the name of the new member at the meeting; that position will become effective Dec. 19.

School superintendent Rod Goehmann submitted his resignation letter, effective Jan. 4, 2013. He has held the position since 2010. He cited three reasons for leaving, two of which were health issues and being unable to sell his home in Cedarville and settle in Brimley. His frustration with state and federal regulations also fueled his decision.

Goehmann spoke at length of his growing struggle to implement government mandates on schools and “do

things that were required as part of the job that fundamentally, I disagree with.”

He is very unhappy about the state funding inequities that provide a school like Brimley with \$7,000 per student, while downstate schools get up to \$11,000 per student. He also decried requirements for schools to comply with federal programs such as No Child Left Behind and Race To The Top. “I disagree with much of it,” he explained, “and it is awkward for me to implement them.”

He also disagrees with the emphasis on high stakes tests such as MEAP and Michigan Merit, which are now “creeping into staff evaluations,” and competitive grants for schools that are “not given out fairly.”

Goehmann lamented the loss of local control in schools, which he felt is being stripped away throughout the state. “More old-style local control of schools would be better,” he concluded.

In other action, the board decided to look into the current method of letting outside groups use school facilities. Currently, there is no charge levied and no standards set for time of use or responsibilities for clean up. The matter was turned over to the Building Committee to bring recommendations back to the board.

Discussion took place on how to fill a two-hour 7th grade science class opening, and on taking a look at the sick bank policy at the next session of personnel negotiations.

The board went into closed session on a periodic personnel evaluation. The next board meeting will be Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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Students and teachers from the Ojibwe Charter School together with LSSU students, faculty and staff met on Dec. 5. They packed meal kits for people in impoverished areas of the world in the Michigan Campus Compact and Gear Up sponsored “Kids Against Hunger” service-learning project. Students from Sault Area High School also packed meal kits earlier in the day. Together 20,000 kits were packed, estimated to feed 120,000 people. Mentoring moments like these unite high school students and LSSU students and help the college students see the importance of their own education while assisting secondary students to develop a college-going vision for themselves as well. Pictured above L-R: Trevor Bowen, Kelsey Cain and Jessica Paiz. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

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# Santa makes an appearance at Children’s Christmas Party



**CAROLING AWAY** — Students and staff from Ojibway Charter School entertained those eating lunch at the Armella Parker Center on Thursday, Dec. 13. The group sang Christmas carols eagerly to their audience.

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### Healthy Bits

By Alison Walker

Robert Lustig gave a lecture in 2009, called “Sugar: The Bitter Truth.” In his lecture, Lustig argues that sugar is a “toxin” or a “poison.” By the term sugar, Lustig includes both cane sugar—technically known as sucrose—but also high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) which has already become what he calls, “the most demonized additive known to man”

According to Marion Nestle, a New York University nutritionist and author of “Food Politics,” HFCS has become the flashpoint for everybody’s distrust of processed foods. However, studies have shown that biologically, sugar is sugar. If that is the case, is there really a difference, and if sugar really is “poison,” how can we cope with our sugar addiction?

In Lustig’s view, sugar should be thought of like cigarettes and alcohol,

as something that’s killing us. According to research in the early 1980s, HFCS replaced sugar in sodas and other products in part because refined sugar then had the reputation as a generally noxious nutrient. Corn syrup has continued to be portrayed by the food industry as a healthy alternative since that time, and that’s how the public has perceived it.

High fructose corn syrup is also cheaper to produce than refined sugar. But today, refined sugar is making a commercial comeback as the supposedly healthful alternative to HFCS. We’ve all heard the commercials for one side or another. But what’s the difference?

Marketing aside, the two sweeteners are effectively identical in their biological effects. In a 2010 study, Luc Tappy, a researcher at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland, who is the world’s most foremost authority on the subject, said there was “not a single hint” that HFCS was more harmful than other sources of sugar.

As Lustig suggests, sugar really is just sugar and is all equally “poisonous.” However, there clearly is a difference in how sugar affects your body. Remember, sugar has calories but no additional nutritional value

comes with its consumption. This means that those holiday desserts and treats can add up to lots of calories really fast, as each gram of sugar has 4 calories.

Looking for guidance on your daily meal plan? ChooseMyPlate.gov allows you to have a few discretionary calories each day. Kerry Neville, a registered dietitian and ADA spokeswoman suggests to stick to a 150-calorie threshold when choosing sweet treats.

Another useful tip is to combine sweet treats with a healthy item. Try drizzling chocolate on almonds. This will allow you to give in a little so you don’t feel as though you are missing out and yet you are still able to control your cravings.

When sugar cannot be avoided, always choose natural sugars like cane sugar, fruits, and even vegetables whenever possible to provide natural sweeteners to the meals you create. This will not only help you look great but feel great too.

Visit [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com), and [www.myfitnesspal.com](http://www.myfitnesspal.com) for calorie counting support and useful tips and tricks.

*Walker is a student at Bay Mills Community College studying health and wellness.*



### Dec 27, 1966 — A look back

L-R: First two pictured not known — Roy Cavanaugh Vice President of Bay Mills Indian Community, Father Joseph Lawless of St. Catherine’s Church in Bay Mills, Alex Goldade of Brimley, Harry Mitchell of Detroit, Harold Nelson and Russ Hoonstra. Veronica Kinney is serving.

St. Catherine’s Church burned to the ground at 6:30 p.m. on Dec 21, 1966 with over 3 tons of food, clothing and toys inside. The donations, delivered the day before, were the results of the efforts of Harry Mitchell, an employee of Michigan Bell of Detroit. Just four turkeys were saved when Roy Cavanaugh took them home to be cooked for the following day’s dinner.

Within hours of the news of the fire, people began calling radio and TV stations around the country as well as Michigan Bell to donate more food, clothing, toys and money. More than 10 tons were collected, so much that the gifts were shared with other needy families in the area, including Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island, Raco, Dollar Settlement and Hessel. A truckload was also sent to Hannahville. Photo courtesy of Russ Hoonstra

## Saboo competes in reality television show

SALISBURY, Mass. — After spending his whole life perfecting his aim on Xbox, one local gamer got the chance to trade in his controller for a real-life weapon as part of a new reality show that debuted Sept. 20 on YouTube.

Justin Saboo of Salisbury, a 22-year-old professional gamer and one of the top Halo players in the world, was one of four contestants chosen to appear on “The Controller: Medal of Honor Warfighter.”

The reality show takes the four gamers and teams them up with four elite military men.

“The idea is the gamers use real weapons and blow stuff up,” Saboo said. “And in return, we have to teach the military guys how to play the game.”

Saboo, who is better known in the gaming community by his Xbox Live gamertag, “Spikemouth,” said he was taught how to fire an automatic shotgun, a 12-gauge Remington shotgun and an M14 sniper rifle during the course of the filming. He said the weapons were naturally a lot different than their video game counterparts.

“I’d never really fired a weapon before,” Saboo said. “The first weapon I got to use was the Remington shotgun and that had the most kick to it, so I didn’t know what to expect until I fired it and it really pushed me back.”

Saboo said he never got knocked over, thanks to some advice he received from his military partner — a special operations reconnaissance Marine sniper at least three times his size.

While the military guys were intimidating at first, Saboo said they were all nice and the experience took a humorous turn once they had to try their luck at the video games.

“Once they picked up the controller, it was a completely different story,” Saboo said. “They were in our world and they were the ones nervous not to disappoint us.”

“The Controller” was created by Mary-Ellis Bunim and Jonathan Murray, the team behind “The Real World “ and “Keeping Up With The Kardashians.” It’s in its second season on the Machinima Prime YouTube channel.

Saboo initially found out about the show after some of his friends participated in the first season. After going through the audition process, he wound up being one of the final four chosen for the new season. One of the other gamers, Tommy Oliveria, is from Haverhill, Mass., while the other two are from Pennsylvania and Chicago.

Originally from Amesbury, Mass., Saboo dedicated his life to video games at a young age, playing anywhere from 12 to 15 hours a day. That fact did not go over well with his parents, who didn’t see his passion as a productive use of time.

“They were not supportive,” Saboo said. “They see their kids growing up and they’re always playing video games. No parent is really going to be supportive of it, but over the past two years, it’s grown to the point where people can make lives off of it and have full-time jobs off of it.”

At a certain point, Saboo started entering local tournaments, where he might win \$500 to \$1,000 in prize money. Over time, the tournaments starting getting more prestigious and the prize money more lucrative.

Now, Saboo and his team are under contract with Fnatic, one of the world’s top professional video gaming outfits. He travels across the country competing in tournaments against other professional gamers, who might earn anywhere from \$50,000 to \$500,000 a year.

Ultimately, Saboo said he’d like to go back to school and earn a degree in business. But, for now, he said he plans to continue focusing on gaming, especially given how the eSports industry is proving to be one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

If nothing else, he already holds an associate’s degree in game development and visual stimulation from the New England Institute of Technology, and since the “Controller” aired, he now has a reality television credit to his name, too.

*Note: Justin Saboo is a member of Bay Mills Indian Community. He did not win the reality show contest. Reprinted courtesy of The Daily News, Newburyport, Mass.*

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## Drum social held

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# NAMES & FACES ...

I would like to apologize to any parents and their sons if I offended them when I made comments about grades at the football banquet.  
I did not mean to single any one player out; I just wanted all my players to know the importance of education, first and football, second. — Junior Varsity Football Coach Terry Maguran

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas decorations on the tree across from Bay Mart: Elgon Ellis, Kelly Bunker of Sault Machine Works, Four Seasons Market, Bay Mills Indian Community, Picture This Photography, Rich Phillips, Mark's Tire, Willabee's Motel, Cozy Inn, Walter (Woody) Bandstra, Amanda Lounds, Janie Robinson, Mary Brown, Soo Co-op Credit Union, Old Mission Bank, Kyle Rairigh and the Brimley Area Schools shop class and Mrs. Mills and her art class.  
May this be the start of many more community projects for our town. Be blessed and be a blessing. Merry Christmas! -- Brimley Residents

I would like to thank everyone who came to my open house on Nov. 17 and 18.  
Thank you for all of the gifts and well wishes.  
I hope those who came had a great time and enjoyed my home and the refreshments.  
Mia Munz

We would like to thank everyone involved with the Benefit Breakfast for Bill Carrick on Nov. 11. We appreciate our family and friends for their hard work, the well wishes and positive notes sent to Bill that day and every day since. The show of support will always be in our hearts. We cannot express enough the gratitude we have for all of you.  
We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations: Glen's Market, Aunt Millie's Bakery, Save-A-Lot Grocery, Wal-Mart, Stuff's, McDonalds, O'Connor's Motors, Picture This Photography, Wild Bluff Golf Course, Bay Mills Resort & Casinos, Fox Excavating, Willabee's, National Office Products, Siesel Eye Care, Charlie's Beauty Shop, Ojibwe Charter School, Wilderness Treasures, Big D's Diner, Lajoie Trucking, Pickford Napa, Robinson Fence, AJ's Railroad, Brimley Area Schools, Four Seasons Market, Graham Trucking, Cozy Inn, Mark's Tire and Dancing Crane.  
Thank you again. — Bill & Deb Carrick & Family

Thank you to all the BHS students that came out to our very first Annual BHS Xmas Dance!! It was a good time filled with great kids, good tunes and lots of food!  
A big thanks to Coach T, Patricia, Amy Preville, the Pomeroy family, Terry Forrest & Chris, Ronnie Carrick, Lucy & kids! I really appreciate all your help and wouldn't have been able to do it without you guys!  
I also want to thank our sponsors that made our dance so special: All Star Graphics, Little Caesar's Pizza, Bay Mills Resort & Casinos, Glens, Family Video, the Allyn Cameron family & the Jim Shaw family. The BHS Booster Club is very grateful for all the wonderful donations!  
Also thank you to Santa himself for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a special appearance at the dance! The kids really enjoyed it!  
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“Happy Belated birthday to my beautiful sister Jeanne Bedell on November 27th, We love you!” Love Sarah, Eljay, Nonah, and the Ty tot!

Welcome to the Varsity Boys Basketball Team, Trey! Keep up the good work!

## WALKING ON ...

**Henry Bedell**  
Henry James Bedell of Chicago, Ill. died Nov. 14, 2012. He was born in Zeba, Mich. on Jan. 13, 1923 to Lydia Curtis and Francis Henry Bedell.  
He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in L'Anse, Mich. Henry was a combat veteran serving in the U.S. Army during World War II and a longtime member of the Pipefitters Union in Chicago.  
Surviving him are his children, Robin (Kelly) Bedell, Lydia Bedell and Holly Powless, all of Brimley, Mich; Donald (Jeannette ) Bedell of Island Lake, Ill.; Jean Bedell of South Dakota; Lester Bedell and Douglas Bedell of Atlanta, Ga.; Sparks Bedell of Battle Creek, Mich; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.  
Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Alma Bedell; two sons, Vernon Bedell and Henry Bedell Jr.; and, two daughters, Vicky Bedell and Debra Nichols.  
A Pipe Ceremony was held Nov. 19 at Bay Mills Cultural Center and burial took place Nov. 20 at Mission Hill Cemetery. Clark-Bailey Funeral Home assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

**Thank You**  
The Bedell Family would like to say thank you to all the individuals who came forth and helped with the services for our family member Henry Bedell. A special thank you goes to Bucko Teeple for being there for our family, also to the cultural staff and the young men who stepped it up and volunteered their time to be fire keepers, as we know it is not an easy task. Thank you to the Bawahting drum group for coming out and drumming with short notice.  
Thank you to Bay Mills Resort & Casinos for their food donation and all the community members who donated for the luncheon and attended. We also would like to say thank you to everyone who kept our family in their thoughts and prayers.  
It is very nice to see a community pull together in a time of need and I feel honored to be a part of this community.  
Once again, thank you. - Sarah Bedell



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## Firefighter of the Year named

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# Firearm deer season reported as successful

The 2012 firearm deer season wrapped up in November, and the Department of Natural Resources has announced that hunter reports from around the state have been mostly positive.

Into the first few days of the firearm season, the number of individuals that purchased a deer license was up 2 percent compared to the same point in 2011. Firearm season check station activity also increased this year in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula, but was about the same in the northern Lower Peninsula. Check station data indicated deer were in good condition, with improvements to key measurements compared to 2011.
   
 “Hunters coming to deer check stations have a great opportunity to contribute data that we use to manage the resources they care so much about,” said Dr. Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division

chief.

Each year, the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on Nov. 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons, using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2012 firearm deer season harvest appears similar or up slightly compared to the 2011 season. Experiences can differ widely within regions. DNR biologists estimate the harvest, compared to 2011, was up perhaps as much as 10 percent across the Upper Peninsula and very similar to last year in the northern Lower Peninsula. Experiences in the southern Lower Peninsula varied widely, and harvest in that region is expected to be anywhere from 5 percent lower to 5 percent higher compared to 2011.

Impacts related to epizootic hemorrhagic disease, a viral disease that affects Michigan deer but does not have human health concerns, appear to have been highly localized, but pronounced where they did occur. Data on hunter observations about the impacts of EHD collected at the check stations suggested these impacts were not widespread, but the DNR also has been getting input from unsuccessful hunters that did not have deer to bring to a check station.

“Some hunters in southern Michigan saw substantially fewer deer compared to last year,” said Brent Rudolph, DNR Wildlife Division Deer and Elk Program leader, “yet we had pretty good conditions for hunters to enjoy their time afield, and the overall attitudes of deer hunters around the state have been upbeat.”
   
 Rudolph also stressed the

importance of cooperation with the hunter harvest survey, which he called “another vital tool for Michigan’s deer program, and another way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base.”

Hunters who do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer) and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link.

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## Bed bugs return to Michigan

By MSU Extension  
 For Bay Mills News

In light of the recent bed bug issue in the state, Michigan State University Extension has partnered with the Michigan Department of Community Health to develop and distribute information and resources to Michigan residents. The rapid spread of bed bug infestations is a result of the bed bugs’ ability to travel so easily.

“For decades these tiny pests were almost non-existent in our state, thanks to improved living standards and the widespread use of insecticides,” said MSU Extension educator Cathy Newkirk. “Today, however, they have made a dramatic comeback. Bed bugs have developed resistance to many widely used pesticides. Couple this with increased travel and the transient nature of many segments of the population, and we have the perfect formula for the rapid spread of infestations.”

According to Newkirk, bed bugs can be found in any setting and any type of space. Because of their ability to hide, they are difficult to control. People do not notice they are in an infested location and, once established, these bugs can quickly travel, either on their own or as hitchhikers on people’s clothing or belongings.

“They can be found in shelters, hotels, dorm rooms, hospitals, schools, apartments, and homes. Bed bugs will infest any human dwelling, from the most cramped student apartment to the most luxurious five-star hotel,” said Newkirk.

Bed bugs do not transmit contagious diseases, but red, itchy swelling is seen at the site of the bite. Young children and older adults who live in homes infested with bed bugs may suffer from anemia.

Studies have shown that allergens emitted in bed bug environments can cause reactions in people with asthma; repeated exposure can lead to more severe localized or generalized allergic reactions.

“Bed bugs are difficult to control because they are so skilled at hiding. The good news in all of this is that bed bugs do not carry disease,” Newkirk said.

For more information on how to prevent or treat bed bug infestations, visit the Michigan Department of Community Health website at [www.michigan.gov/bedbugs](http://www.michigan.gov/bedbugs).

## Instructors sought for 2013 outdoor fitness programs

While many Michigan residents are looking forward to enjoying the upcoming holiday buffets, the Department of Natural Resources is already planning to help them take off those ensuing extra holiday pounds.

The DNR’s Parks and Recreation Division is gearing up its 2013 outdoor programming to motivate residents to stay in shape by spending more of their workout time outside in Michigan’s parks and recreation areas. Along with the continuation of its nationally recognized Recreation 101 program, the division is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Michigan Recreation & Park Association to add a new Fresh Air Fitness program to its stay-in-shape offerings.

“We know that Michigan is among the most obese states in the nation, but with more than 100 state parks and more than 12,000 miles of trails, there’s no excuse not to resolve to get fresh air fit,” said DNR recreation programmer Maia Stephens.

The division currently is seeking experienced volunteer program guides from across the state for its year-round Recreation 101 programs as well as instructors for its new Fresh Air Fitness program set to run between April 15 and Oct. 1.

The DNR’s ongoing Recreation 101 programs, which began in 2011, take place at Michigan state parks, recreation areas and boating facilities across the state and consist of free, introductory lessons to acquaint novice outdoor enthusiasts with the skills and knowledge to get them started in a new activity or sport.

In prior years, lessons have included more than 50 different outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, paddling, horseback riding, geocaching, birding and trail running. The course offerings are only limited by the particular skills and interests of the participating instructors.

Volunteer instructors should have a passion for the outdoors and a desire to share their recreation knowledge and skills. Along with individuals who are proficient in their particular field, ideal guides would be outfitters, retailers or brand representatives who can provide hands-on sample gear for students to try.

Incorporating physical fitness into the great outdoors uses all the senses and connects the body and mind. Programs such as yoga, Pilates, tai chi or aquatic fitness advance to a whole new level when surrounded by nature.

The Parks and Recreation Division is seeking instructors interested in taking their fitness programs outdoors as well as recreational group leaders willing to organize weekly outings such mountain biking trips or canoe or kayaking trips. A commercial use permit required for Fresh Air Fitness instructors is an annual \$50 fee per instructor or organization. The instructor can then charge participants a fee of fair market value.

For more information on the opportunities available for Recreation 101 volunteer instructors or Fresh Air Fitness instructors or to sign up, contact Maia Stephens at 989-225-8573 or [stephensm3@michigan.gov](mailto:stephensm3@michigan.gov) to be connected with a regional recreation programmer who can assist with scheduling and marketing in 2013.

## Changes made to burn permit system

The Department of Natural Resources has announced that starting Friday, Dec. 7, residents in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula who call the DNR’s toll-free number to check if burn permits are being issued will be connected with a new, automated, interactive voice-recognition system.

Bill O’Neill, chief of the DNR’s Forest Resources Division, said the cost-saving system allows users to identify their burning location through speech or touch-tone entries. The information will be processed, and if conditions are favorable, burn permit issuance will be confirmed. The automated system will also inform callers if any burn restrictions are in place for that day.

Residents are required to check if the DNR is issuing burn permits before conducting any open burning — recreational campfires and fires used for cooking are the exceptions to this rule.

The DNR encourages residents with Internet access to visit [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit) to

get their burn permits online. Residents can use the interactive map to find the burn conditions in their area. If a “yes” is shown in the “burning permits issued” column, burning is allowed for that day. There is no need to print anything; this serves as a burn permit. For those who prefer to get their burn permits by phone, the DNR’s toll-free burn permit number is 866-922-2876.

For more information on wildfire prevention, burn permits and fire preparedness, visit [www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires](http://www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires).



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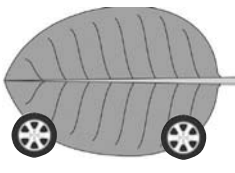
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# Opportunities to visit China with LSSU available

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Lake Superior State University is once again welcoming members of the community who are interested in traveling to China this summer as the “fun” part of a study abroad program that it is offering to students.

Students will study at Beijing University of Technology from May 6 and then will join community members taking part in a 17-day tour from May 27 to June 12 of historic and scenic attractions in four popular tourist destinations, including Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai and Hangzhou.

In Beijing, participants will visit World Heritage sites such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, the Bird’s Nest 2008 Olympic site, and will watch a night show of folk dance and music, and a Beijing opera.

The participants will then take a three-day trip to the ancient capital city of Xi’an and see the world-famous Terra-Cotta Warriors that were buried more

than 2,000 years ago, as well as the ancient City Defense Wall, the Bell Tower, a Tang Dynasty-style dance and music show, and more.

A five-day stay in Shanghai includes visits to Shanghai Museum, the 468-meter Shanghai TV tower, 450-year-old Yuyuan Garden, a Huangpu River cruise, an acrobatic show, and more.

Finally, during a two-day trip to Hangzhou, which is an ancient capital and famous scenic tourist attraction, participants will tour the beautiful West Lake area, including a lake cruise, visit to a tea plantation, and much more.

For \$3,845, the 17-day tour fee covers round-trip airfare, lodging, lunches and dinners, transportation in China, travel insurance, admission fees to attractions and more. The cost of the trip does not include visa application fees, medical insurance, drinks, laundry, independent travel and personal expenses, nor vaccination fees, although vaccinations are not required to enter China.

Deadline for applications, application fee of \$25 and a deposit of \$1,600, are due by Feb. 5. Total payments are due April 23.

The easiest way to get the paperwork rolling is to enroll

online at [lssu.edu/studyabroad](http://lssu.edu/studyabroad), where you will find an application form that may be submitted to LSSU Financial Aid and Study Abroad Director Deb Faust, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783.

For more information on the tourist trip as well as the study-abroad program for students, please contact LSSU Prof. Guidi Yang at [gyang@lssu.edu](mailto:gyang@lssu.edu) or 906-635-2181, or stop by her office at 22 Brown Hall on campus.

## Adopt a shelter pet for the holidays

By Jessica Stanaway  
For Bay Mills News

Staff members at the award winning Chippewa County Animal Control Shelter hope to generate some holiday spirit to get more homeless pets adopted this season. During December, the adoption fee for a dog is half price, and a cat may be adopted for the donation of a bag of dry food or cat litter.

There has been an unusually high number of dogs at the shelter since last summer, and adopters will have a wide choice of size from a small Affpinscher to a Rottweiler. There are currently 20 dogs who need homes and 45 cats, including several kittens.

Getting a dog from a shelter has several benefits. Every adult dog and cat adopted has already been spayed or neutered and vaccinated, an expense that could run several hundred dollars for a pet owner.

Dogs who have been relinquished from a caring home usual-

ly have very good manners, and cats have been well socialized and are friendly with people.

Animals who come in as strays have the advantage of seasoned volunteers who work with them to make them adoptable pets. Volunteers of all ages regularly walk all the dogs and work on leash training and basic commands.

Cats also have cat-cuddling volunteers, many of whom are children, who help to socialize shy felines and give all cats exercise time out of the cage.

“We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers who help to ensure that every adoptable animal gets a home,” explained shelter manager, Holly Henderson. “We simply do not have enough paid staff to do the job without their help.”

Having one of the highest adoption rates in Michigan requires constant promotion and effort. The shelter has been very innovative in using a variety of media and special

pricing programs to promote its pets and most of this promotion work is done by volunteers.

In addition to updating the Petfinder page, volunteers post and manage the shelter’s Facebook page which boasts more than 3,500 followers. Other volunteers make and distribute posters, write grants, take pet photographs, and organize activities such as Pet Pictures with Santa and the annual fall Dog Trot.

The shelter also provides service to pet owners by doing courtesy postings of pets they wish to re-home and by posting photos and descriptions of lost pets. Adopting a pet is a big responsibility, and potential adopters can take advantage of the shelter’s trial period before they commit to adopt.

Chippewa County Animal Control Shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at 3660 S. Mackinac Trail. Phone 906-632-2519 for further information or visit [chippewa.petfinder.com](http://chippewa.petfinder.com).



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## Rodenroths pay it forward with donation

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The winner of the annual Sault Area Chamber of Commerce reverse raffle called “Dash with the Cash” usually poses for a photo while accepting the raffle’s \$10,000 grand prize.

This year, however, the presentation had a twist and the prizewinner was photographed donating the grand prize to Hospice of the EUP.

Pam Rodenroth of Sault Ste. Marie said she immediately thought of Hospice of the EUP’s Hospice House when she decided to take the prize money and “pay it forward.”

The donation will help complete the fundraising for the newly opened Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie.

Pam and her husband Steve, who own Rodenroth Motors in Sault Ste. Marie, bought five tickets to the annual Chamber fundraiser that was held in October at Bay Mills Resort & Casinos in Brimley. One of the tickets with Pam’s name on it was drawn that night and she said it was the first time either she or her husband have won a prize during the event. Pam said she knew that she wanted to do something good with the money and she chose that something to be Hospice House.

“Steve and I had attended the open house at Hospice House just a few weeks prior and it was the first place I thought of to donate the money. I knew that the best thing I could do with this money was to pass it on to help support the needs of others,” she said.

Sault Area Chamber Executive Director Al Case said the annual raffle is one of the organization’s main fundraisers and draws a considerable amount of attention in the community. He said the Chamber is pleased with what the Rodenroths decided to do with the grand prize.

“Pam’s generosity is about as perfect a scenario we could ever hope for as part of our annual raffle,” he said. “It’s rewarding to get the financial support from the community for our event, but it is simply inspirational to see that it has resulted in such a generous donation to a worthy organization such as Hospice of the EUP. We applaud Pam for her donation and the example she has set for ‘paying it forward.’”

The employees of Rodenroth Motors have supported Hospice House as well by donating money from their dress down days this year. Pam summed up this most recent donation by saying,

“Giving makes our own hearts

stronger and helps the needs of others...everyone wins this way. It is the season of giving and I feel it is a privilege to help this worthy cause.”

For information on how you can donate to Hospice House, contact Hospice of the EUP at 906-259-0222 or write [hospice@hospiceoftheeup.com](mailto:hospice@hospiceoftheeup.com).

### Cultural gathering planned

A women’s cultural gathering will take place from Jan. 18 to 20 at the Bay Mills Cultural Center, Migizi Hall. Come join the ladies for a weekend of relaxation, friendship and learning.

Talking circles, traditional cooking, and educational information, as well as crafts, are just a few items on the agenda. This free event is an opportunity for local women in the Bay Mills community to take some time away from their lives and relax, learn, and have some fun. This event is open to all women of the community.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Anna Rogers-Stott at 906-248-8311 or [amrogers-stott@baymills.org](mailto:amrogers-stott@baymills.org) or Ruby Hatfield at 906-248-8312 or [rhatfield@baymills.org](mailto:rhatfield@baymills.org). This program is being sponsored by Bay Mills Journey to Healing Program.

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Farmer’s Market held

The Sault Ste. Marie Farmer’s Market runs through the winter on Saturday mornings at Bayliss Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Jan. 5 to May 4 in the Community Room.

Raffle tickets available

The Rudyard Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for their weekly raffle drawing. Each Friday of 2013, two tickets will be drawn; the first drawing will be for \$100 and the second for \$25. Only 200 tickets are being sold and, even if you win once, your ticket stays in for the rest of the drawings throughout the year. The first drawing is Jan. 4, 2013. Tickets are \$52 for the year and can be purchased by contacting a Rudyard Lions member, or Chari Fischer, raffle chairperson, at 906-478-4191. Fischer said, “The possibility of winning is great and everyone who buys a ticket is a champion for supporting community projects.” All proceeds from the raffle go towards supporting Lions projects in the local community, the Upper Peninsula and Michigan. No funds raised by Lions Clubs are used for administrative costs. For more information, contact Gary Davis, 906-478-5244.

Employment available

JOB TITLE: Assistant Health & Human Services Director

POSITION SUMMARY:  
The Assistant Health and Human Services Director assists the Health and Human Services Director with the overall management and administration (program, fiscal) of the Tribally operated health and human services delivery system i.e. Medical Clinic, Community Health, Dental Clinic, Pharmacy, and other adjunction to the Health Services, Patient Support Services and HHS Administrative Support Services.  
POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- No less than a bachelor’s degree in health care, health administration, management or related field. master’s degree is strongly desired.
- A minimum of two to five years of supervisory experience required.
- Knowledge of the Indian Health Service guidelines, Rules and Regulations. (Also BIA – Social Services and School Health Director).
- Experience in the Administration and monitoring of Federal, State, Regional contracts and grants.
- Proposal and grant writing capabilities highly desired.
- Must have experience in human resources, personnel recruitment, supervision, and evaluation.
- Strong planning background.
- Working knowledge of community resources related to health and human services.
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JOB TITLE: Health Resources and Services Administration Coordinator

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POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- A bachelor’s degree in public health administration, related health care, or Business Administration would be preferred with a minimum of two to five years of supervisory experience. Associates in the above stated degrees with at least 10 years’ experience working in the health care field and also have supervisory experience could be considered.
- Computer skills are essential and accounting experience preferred.
- Working knowledge of community resources related to health and human services.
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- Must be able to travel when required.
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JOB TITLE : Social Services Director/Protective Services Worker

POSITION SUMMARY:  
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function position that will also provide Protective Service worker functions for the tribe.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Preferred master’s degree in social work required or related degree and/or related work experience.
- Must have 3 to 5 years of direct supervision in the social services field.
- Must have 1 to 3 years experience in working with children and families.
- Must have knowledge of the State of Michigan Child Protection Law, Bay Mills Juvenile Code, and Tribal and County juvenile judicial systems.
- Must have knowledge of and/or be willing to learn about Indian Family Systems, and the practice of social work in a cultural setting.
- Must have knowledge of case management practices necessary to coordinate services to clients and be capable of building the relationships necessary to ensuring good case coordination.
- Must have the ability to formulate effective case plans and accurate Court reports, and appropriately document client-related direct and in-direct services.
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# Spaghetti dinner a success

Brimley Elementary School’s kindergarten class held its annual Super Spectacular Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, Dec. 1. More than 150 people attended the fundraiser, aimed at raising money for classroom extras such as field trips. Approximately \$600 was raised. The class will be holding another fundraiser in the coming months.

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